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'BOURNE SUPREMACY

SITTINGBOURNE once again emerged triumphant in the traditional pre-season football clash with Faversham Town on Saturday.

The two sides battled it out in hot temperatures at Central Park with Faversham taking an early lead, only to slump to a 2-1 defeat in the Bob Amor Trophy match.

It was the fourth consecutive victory for the Brickies in the match. **FULL STORY - PAGE 47**

EXCLUSIVE

BY YOURSWALE REPORTER

AN ANGRY councillor has demanded answers about the controversial sacking of two senior officers.

Councillor Steve Worrall held up the last edition of Yourswale at a full meeting of Swale council on Wednesday evening.

The exclusive story revealed allegations of sexism made by former head of human resources Janet Mason at an employment tribunal.

She claimed the council was run by a "boys' club of councillors and officers" who conspired to get both her and former chief executive Mark Bilsborough fired.

These men, she claims, feared for their jobs in a shake up Mr Bilsborough was planning, so decided to get their retaliation in first.

Waving last week's edition of the paper in front of startled councillors, the Labour member for Sheerness East said: "There's some pretty damning stuff in here. It makes the council look stupid. It's time the council members looked into this entire affair."

Pointing at council leader Andrew Bowles and Mayor Alan Willicombe, he accused them of stifling debate.

He said: "People in Swale want to know what the devil's been going on."

"You don't want this spoken about."

The mayor told Cllr Worrall the tribunal was adjourned until October and the whole matter could not be debated as it was subject to legal restrictions until the end of the hearing. But he retorted: "That's

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IMPACT: Concerns have been raised over potential damage to historic sites at Syndale Park

Conservation and heritage issues hold up development

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

PLANS for a massive hotel and residential complex on Syndale Park which could create dozens of jobs could be delayed, due to conservation fears over the valuable historical site.

English Heritage objected to the application due to a lack of information about the development and fears it would damage the archaeological potential of the area.

The advisory body says the council "should have regard to the impact of the development on the character of the conservation area", together with its legal obligations to preserve and enhance the site.

A planning application states the developer had since revised his design and access statement and layout plans to take account of the conservation area.

But the council's planning officer, Graham Thomas, said the layout plan needed to be revised further to show the development could fit on the site, avoiding areas of historic significance.

Excavations have already been carried out as requested by Kent County

Council despite the applicant finding them to be "impractical and expensive". So far, 13 of 24 trenches had been dug, with no evidence of any archaeological significance.

Mr Thomas suggested members of the committee visit the site, so the impact of the development on the character and appearance of the conservation area can be assessed.

If approved, Syndale Park would be home to a 140-bed hotel and 60-room residential home, boosting the local economy by creating dozens of jobs and giving tourists and business visitors somewhere to stay.

It would mean the demolition of the existing motel, holiday bungalows and residential accommodation on the site.

At the original committee meeting last month, planners welcomed the development, saying the park has suffered from "chronic fragmentation", and see it as an opportunity to "restore the site to a prestigious destination".

In a report to members, officers also point out the need for more care provision in the town, a problem that would be partially addressed by the 60 extra beds provided by the new care home.

Doctors in Faversham have raised objections about the home however, saying it will stretch local resources.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Partnership breakdown closes eatery

ACQUA, the creek-side Italian restaurant, has closed following the collapse of the business partnership at the centre of the venture.

In a statement, owner Edward Gaskin said his business partnership had broken down completely, forcing him to close the restaurant while the problems were sorted out.

He said: "I have been forced to close Acqua as a result of this breakdown, I hope for the minimum time possible."

"Please be assured that I and all the team, including head chef Riccardo Isolini, are committed to Faversham's great gastronomic future and will do everything humanly possible to overcome this blot on the landscape."

"We believe we shall be back serving you just as quick as you can say Jack Robinson."

Mr Gaskin said problems had been brewing for the last six months, and this week things came to a head and the partnership dissolved.

With a prime location in imposing buildings, Acqua served a large menu of Italian favourites cooked by a largely Italian staff.

A snappy exhibition

PHOTOGRAPHER Bob Lamoon is holding an exhibition of his work documenting life in southern India.

Mr Lamoon, from Faversham, is a landscape and street photographer, who also runs photographic tours of the region for snappers.

He works both in the UK and south India, capturing images in a candid style which aims to show what life is like in India.

Impressions of India is on until Saturday, August 16, at Wyards Print and Artworks, Ospringe, open Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 6pm.

Give yourself a buzz

LEARN about bees and beekeeping at a Faversham apiary open day this weekend.

Terry Clare, beekeeper at Belmont House will be answering questions and doing demonstrations of the vital work beekeepers do. Belmont has several hives and bee colonies, and children are especially welcome.

Belmont House and gardens beekeeping day is on Sunday, between 11am and 3pm. Admission is adult £3, and children £1. Under 5's get in free.



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Charity gig's in tune with magic number

Organisers want you to don8te in aid of Demelza

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

FROM uplifting ska to furious screamo, Sittingbourne's biggest charity gig of the summer really does boast something for everyone.

Don8tion sees seven of Kent's most popular bands sharing a bill headlined by Folkestone's superlative ska punk outfit, Battleska Galactica on August 8 – the eighth day of the eighth month of 2008.

Last year's gig raised nearly £500 for Demelza House, with more than 300 fans packed into the Wyvern Hall.

This time, organisers Jade Wilson and Marf Whiskin, guitarist from Sittingbourne's popular punk band Los Salvadores, hope to raise £888, drawing the numerical theme to its logical conclusion.

Jade said: "This is going to be an amazing gig, it's such a strong line-up, and we're expecting fans from all over Kent."

"People have been really generous, and over the last four years we've been putting on these shows, the amount raised has gone up and up, but this year we're trying to push the total even higher."

Marf said: "Everyone – including Vic



Picture: GARETH ARNOLD
don8tion

Wintergreen from DefZone who is doing the sound – has agreed to do it for free, so we can give more money than ever to Demelza."

Headliners, eight-piece Battleska Galactica, have amassed an impressive following in Kent and beyond with their fast, hard-edged but instantly accessible tunes.

Selected to play the now-infamous Zoo8 festival in Port Lympne, the band have several critically acclaimed releases, including 2005's Songs from the Crypt, and a new album, If Found Please Return To... will be on sale later this year.

Los Salvadores are a lively experimental punk band also picked to play Zoo8, with several other festival dates amassed this summer. The band has recently completed a tour for the BBC and is currently working on a new EP.

The Rodeo Plan is a popular Screamo band from Sheppey, picked to play the BBC Big Weekend Fringe Festival earlier this year.

They are joined by Medway alt-rockers Saturday Superhouse, Directions, an up and coming indie band from Maidstone, Wires Faulty, a new and exciting hard rock band from Sheppey, and openers No Room for Growth, from Sittingbourne, a young and lively sax-led ska punk band.

Don8tion will be held at the Wyvern Hall, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, on Friday, August 8. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £4 and are available on the door.

Don8te online at www.justgiving.co.uk/don8tion.

KEEN: Organiser Jade Wilson performing at last year's Don8tion event, which raised £500 for charity

Club's boxing clever to raise extra cash

BUDDING boxers will be getting in the ring this week to showcase their sparring skills and help raise money.

Faversham Boxing Club, on the corner of North Road and Conduit Street, is hosting a number of fundraising activities on Saturday in an effort to boost its training facilities, with the help of Swale Housing.

The refit began on Monday with a new toilet and shower room. Swale staff will also be freshening up the club's walls with a new coat of paint, using materials and labour donated by local contractors.

On the same day sumo suits, bouncy castles and a coconut shy will feature at the Reedland Crescent playing fields between 1pm and 4pm.

Kids can enjoy a magician, face painting and an arts tent with refreshments available throughout the afternoon. A local artist will also be on hand to help create two works of art to hang inside the club.

Entry to the event will be £1 per person, or £4 for families.

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Council anger over tribunal

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right, sweep it under the table."

Cllr Worrall also demanded to know why the council committee which ordered the sacking of Mrs Mason wasn't more representative.

He was horrified by her allegations that senior staff and councillors used to "ogle female staff".

Mrs Mason, from Iwade, is pursuing a claim of unfair dismissal, breach of contract and sex discrimination against the council.

She alleges she was fired last year because she refused to give details of Mr Bilsborough's contract to a group of senior officers trying to force out the council chief.

Mrs Mason, who worked for the council for more than 20 years, told the tribunal: "I made it plain I didn't want to be part of their covert activities."

"After that senior officers didn't come near me. I felt on the periphery of an exclusive male club."

Such was the pressure of being caught in the middle that it made her physically sick.

Mr Bilsborough was suspended on full pay in December 2006.

He was put on gardening leave until April this year, when a closed meeting of the council sacked him.

Mrs Mason was suspended in January last year. The tribunal was adjourned until October 8.

Gunpowder works flies the flag for green conservation

OARE Gunpowder Works has won recognition for its heritage and conservation work for the second year running.

The country park has gained Green Flag and Green Heritage Site awards, which both set the national standard for the protection of green spaces.

One of the best preserved of its kind, the park opened to the public in 2005 after extensive renovations, allowing visitors to rediscover the remains of its centuries-old industry.

Sheila Smith, Swale's landscape officer, said: "Receiving the award again is a great achievement. It is such a special place, it definitely deserves it."

Fantastic

The council's environmental portfolio holder, Cllr John Disney, said: "This is fantastic news for the country park and for everyone who has worked hard to achieve this award for a second year running."

Ironically, the years of neglect since the closure of the factory works in 1934 has given Oare its unique character.

The woodland was created deliberately to act as a screen to absorb accidental blasts, and provide sound insulation and a source of materials for charcoal.

It has since evolved to become a highly complex and valuable wildlife habitat and as a result the site was conserved as found rather than repaired fully.

The park is open and free to enter 365 days a year, with free parking between 9am to 5pm on weekdays and 10.30am to 4.30pm at weekends and on bank holidays.

The raising of the green flag will take place this Saturday, attended by the Mayor of Swale.

For information on school visits and volunteering opportunities at Oare contact Groundwork Kent & Medway on 01634 855166 or e-mail gms@groundwork.org.uk.

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NEWS IN BRIEF**Bureau here to help you benefit from entitlement**

DESPITE growing anxiety about the rising cost of living, too many people are still missing out on money they are entitled to, say Canterbury Citizens' Advice Bureau.

The charity has joined forces with local MP Julian Brazier to urge residents to get information and advice about their benefits entitlements.

Manager Simone Field said: "We are urging anyone who is unsure about their entitlements or who would like help making a claim to come along to the bureau and get a free confidential benefits check."

Workshop is attractive to small business owners

SMALL companies in the Canterbury area are being urged to take advantage of a free Business Link workshop designed to help them boost sales and profits.

The half-day workshop is available free, exclusively for the self-employed or owner manager with no more than two full-time employees. Boost your Sales and Profits and Attract More Customers is being held at Hall Place Enterprise Centre, Harbledown, on August 13, October 8 and November 20. To book, call 0845 6009006.

Children's charity concert is a resounding success

AN annual Save the Children charity concert staged earlier this month at King's School has raised more than £6,000.

And organisers say they were so delighted with the show – which included a virtuoso violin performance by 2002's BBC Young Musician of the Year Jennifer Pike – plans are already under way for next year.

Andrea Russo of the local Save the Children branch, said: "It was a resounding success on all counts. We have exciting plans for next year's concert, which will be on July 18, 2009, at Shirley Hall."

Cathedral visitors need only ASK for good food

VISITORS to Canterbury Cathedral can claim a free starter or dessert with any main meal at Canterbury's ASK restaurant in an attempt to boost funds for the conservation project.

The offer is on for the next month, and it is hoped the lure of free Italian food will attract more visitors to the cathedral, thus boosting income for both the historic site and the restaurant.

Karen Gambrell, Kent community fundraising manager said: "Support amongst the people and businesses of Kent for the appeal has been truly wonderful."

Nursing translates into real ambition

■ BY ED HILL

JUST three years after the end of World War Two, the Government turned to Germany to help recruit staff for its new National Health Service.

Now, 60 years on since moving from her homeland to start a new life in the UK working for the NHS, a woman from Elham has revealed how the remarkable chance provided her with the opportunity she had always dreamed of.

Marianne Mackinnon was born in Berlin in 1925. Having grown up during the 1939-1945 conflict, she found herself at the end of the war working as a translator for the Allies in Germany.

She said: "I dreamt of going to Oxford to study languages, but of course at that time it was impossible for anyone from Germany to become a student."

"But then men from the Ministry of Labour in the UK came over to Germany to recruit women between the ages of 18-26 to train as nurses for the new NHS. It gave me the opportunity I had craved."

Mrs Mackinnon began her training at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford and also managed to study English part time at university. Now, as the NHS celebrates its 60th anniversary this month, she remembers the impact it had.

But being German was not easy in post war Britain. Mrs Mackinnon suffered verbal abuse from patients and staff.

She said: "I was called a Kraut and a



OPPORTUNITY: Marianne Mackinnon jumped at the chance to move to England to study nursing after the war

damned Nazi. It was mainly from people who had never been to Germany. The ex-soldiers were always more understanding. I always felt we had to work twice as hard as anyone else.

"We feared the matron and doctors. Even if someone had only been training for three months more than you, you were expected to open the door for them and you expected the same when you had been there three months."

Today, Mrs Mackinnon's son is a senior consultant at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

She has also published books on her experiences growing up under the Nazi regime, with *The Naked Years* proving a success both in the UK and US.

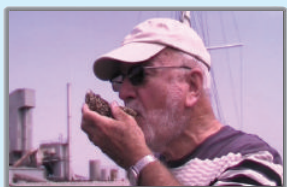
And while she acknowledges the remarkable achievements of the NHS, she believes not all the advances have been for the best.

She said: "It is a shame we have lost old style matrons. Simple things like cleanliness and spending time with the patient are what the public want most."

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Crowds drawn to festival fun

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Presenter Julie Maddocks soaked up some of the sun and the atmosphere for a special report.

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Meanwhile, the Lions club were counting the cost after thousands of pounds worth of fireworks were left soaked.

They had been set to form part of the Whitstable Regatta weekend.

But the specially designed firework boat was swamped by a large wave as it was being towed into position, soaking the tubes containing the fire-

works and rendering them useless.

Yvonne Medlan from Whitstable Lions said the charity had lost out as people left earlier than usual.

She said: "We normally hand buckets around the crowd during the firework display, but of course with no fireworks there was nothing to keep people on the beach."

"We lost about £700."

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NOVEL EXPERIENCE: As well as being a popular author, Lesley Cookman enjoys amateur dramatics

Mystery of the pub prompts fans to ask is it fact or fiction?

AS well as whodunit, fans of Lesley Cookman's murder mysteries are often asking where it is as many of the popular author's stories have a distinctly local feel.

Mrs Cookman, who lives in Whitstable, created the Libby Sarjeant series of murder-mystery books, which follow the adventures of a middle-aged actress turned investigator.

Her fictionalisation of places in the Canterbury district has stirred up interest among her readers, such as the identity of Libby's local pub.

She said: "Recently I've been asked to contribute to a website of pubs in fiction. The pub is not named and people try to work out where it is."

"I gave it a whole new staff so I hope I haven't offended anybody. I've been to book groups at which people have tried to work out where it is."

"I think people like that element. Kent, the village and the seaside are characters in the book."

Aside from her novels, Cookman is also a renowned writer of pantomimes.

■ BY JANE CONNOLLY

This unusual talent was discovered as a direct result of her move to Whitstable and it didn't take long for her to get involved with the local amateur theatre company, the Lindley Players.

She said: "I have to say I was rather snobbish about amateur theatre at the time. But I took the children to see a pantomime by the Lindley Players and I was extremely impressed by the theatre and the standard of performance."

"I joined and within a couple of years I was doing panto, which I adored, and was then asked to direct it."

"One particular year I couldn't find a script that I liked, so I decided I would write it. That was picked up by a publisher and I've now written seven or eight for them."

Ten years ago she was commissioned to write a book on the art, called *How to Write a Pantomime*, and a new version has been published with a foreword by Roy Hudd.

• *Murder By The Sea* is published by Accent Press on Monday, priced at £6.99. *How to Write a Pantomime* is also published by Accent Press.

Anticipation grows for this year's panto

CHRISTMAS may seem a long way off, but interest in this year's pantomime at the Marlowe Theatre is already growing.

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Presenter Julie Maddocks went to meet stars Stephen Mulhern and Emma Barton at the recent launch of the production which gets under way in November.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Holiday lands sex offender in jail

SEX offender Nigel Hatton didn't think he should tell the authorities he was nipping off to South Africa for a holiday.

But for the next four months Hatton, 44, formerly of Kent and now of Brixham, Devon, will be rueing his mistake after magistrates put him behind bars.

Hatton, who was living at Whitstable, was picked up at Heathrow by immigration officers on a routine passport check in May 2007. When officers raided his home they found another passport with South African entry stamps in it. They also found Hatton's holiday snaps on his laptop.

Hatton appeared at Canterbury Magistrates Court charged with taking two unauthorised holidays in the Republic. He admitted both.

He was sent to prison on November 22, 2000, for a sex attack on a prostitute in the Plymouth dock area. He served four years and was put on the sex offenders' register for life.

Greenhouse makes an unwieldy transition

MID-morning motorists were faced with an unusual obstacle last week as a greenhouse made its way from Bekesbourne to Canterbury.

The greenhouse was being carried by volunteers from Canterbury's Transition Initiative, having been donated to their allotment project. But the group was faced with the problem of how to transport it the 2.8 miles to its new home.

So to the shock of passers-by, a seven-strong team manhandled the unwieldy load into the city, with the group's name emblazoned on a large banner tied to the back.

Transition City Canterbury is determined to raise awareness about the potential consequences of peak oil and climate change.

Coastguard rescue girl

A 12-year old girl was intercepted by a Whitstable lifeboat crew after drifting away from Seasalter.

A 999 call to Thames Coastguard on Sunday reported a child in an inflatable dinghy drifting out of sight off Walden's Caravan Park, and the lifeboat was launched to investigate. Just minutes later the lifeboat crew spotted the girl one mile north east of Seasalter Sailing Club. She was apparently trying to reach the Isle of Sheppey.

The girl was safely returned to her parents on shore. The girl, from Middlesex, was unharmed by her adventure.



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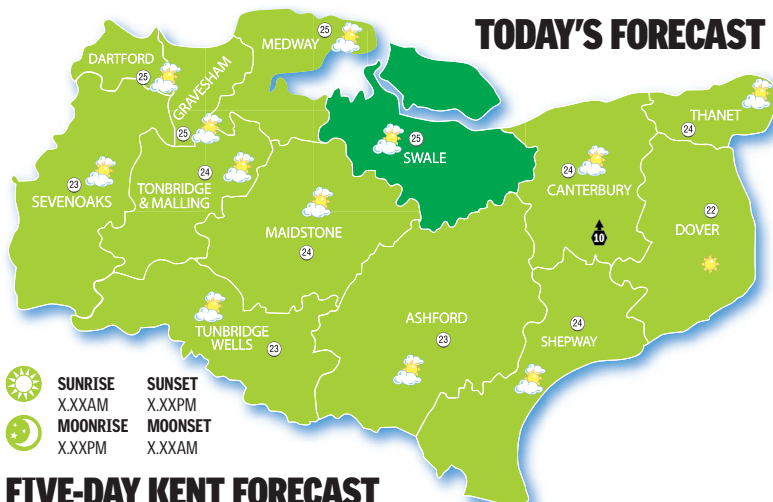
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Faversham	21°C	23°C	24°C	22°C	21°C	Sittingbourne	21°C	23°C	24°C	22°C	21°C
Folkestone	20°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	19°C	Tonbridge	21°C	24°C	26°C	23°C	21°C
Gillingham	21°C	23°C	24°C	22°C	21°C	Tun Wells	21°C	24°C	26°C	23°C	21°C



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ROLL UP: Magician Marc Morgana will be entertaining Hempstead Valley shoppers during the summer holidays

Hocus Pocus bring all the fun of the big top to shopping centre

FREE circus workshops will be held at Hempstead Valley during the summer holidays to keep youngsters entertained.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

SARAH BILLIALD



Q What are you bringing to your new role at Kent Probation from your work at the centre of Government?

A At the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit I worked on crime reduction and reducing re-offending, liaising with agencies from across government including the police, prisons, education, housing and health.

I focussed on identifying barriers to delivery and generating ways of breaking down these barriers.

This national experience has helped me understand the range of partners needed to reduce re-offending – a key priority for probation – and how best to jointly improve the safety of everyone in Kent.

Q Did you enjoy the cut and thrust of politics while working for Tony Blair and Gordon Brown – or try to escape it as much as possible?

A As a general rule I try and avoid politics and focus on service delivery. The good thing about my previous role was, although located at the heart of government, its focus was on delivering real outcomes for citizens.

But it did involve writing lots of reports and after a while I got bored of writing about it and wanted to deliver it.

Q What is the biggest misconception about the Criminal Justice System?

A That the only way to punish offenders is to send them to prison. In fact, there are a range of options available to sentencers and the evidence shows that working with offenders intensively in the community is more effective in reducing repeat offending than short-term prison sentences.

This is because it combines punishment over a long period of time, for example two years as opposed to a six-month prison term, with work to help offenders gain employment and change their offending behaviour.

Q Aren't community sentences little more than a slap on the wrist?

A No. Because an offender might have to report to probation five times a week; their liberty could be curtailed with a tag; they might be performing unpleasant unpaid work in the community thus losing their free time and giving something back to the community at the same time.

Q How on earth did Roy Hodgson manage to save your football team Fulham from Premier League relegation?

A By building a good team and playing decent football (no more route one, thank you Mr Sanchez) and Jimmy Bullard and Brian McBride coming back from injury. Plus a little bit of luck!

Q Tell me something most people do not know about you.

A I feature on a number of classical CDs as a singer with a choir called the Holst Singers. Our latest CD, a collection of Estonian folk songs by Tormis, has just been favourably reviewed on BBC Radio 3.

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Q We are told that crime is falling, but it feels like it is rising – particularly violent crime. What is the truth?

A The truth is that there has been a 16 per cent decrease in overall crime since 2003. This figure comes from the latest British Crime Survey, which is extremely reliable as it asks people if they have experienced crime.

Also, the number of crimes recorded by the police fell by 12 per cent between October and December 2007 compared with the same quarter a year earlier.

In particular, robbery fell by 21 per cent and most serious violence against the person by 15 per cent.

The reasons for the gap between these facts and public perception are complex and probably related to media messages around crime, the rise of terrorism and wider anti-social behaviour.

Kent Probation Area is one of the largest probation services in England and Wales.

Every year the Kent service supervises around 5,000 offenders on punishment and rehabilitation orders, punishment orders and licences and prepares around 5,500 reports for the courts.

More than 500 staff work in the community, courts, the hostel and prisons as well as on secondment to agencies.

Sarah Billiald, new chief officer for Kent Probation, talks to **Gary Wright** about her job, her previous role as deputy director of the Home Affairs team in the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit – and her love of Fulham

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Demelza taking its show on the road

BY NICK AMES

THE Demelza Hospice Care for Children Lottery is taking part in a road show across the county.

As well as making people aware of the charity's work with terminally-ill children, it will give visitors the chance to join in a weekly draw which could net them a £1,000 jackpot.

There are 52 other weekly prizes on offer for just a £1 weekly stake and all money raised goes towards Demelza's vital work in caring for terminally-ill children, giving them as many rich experiences as possible and assisting their families.

There are 450 sick children and their families currently being cared for by the dedicated staff who work for the hospice which offers residential care, a hospice-at-home service, emergency respite for families, therapy treatment and bereavement care.

Guidance

Visiting a community gives residents the chance to understand what Demelza offers those children who have conditions which, ultimately, will take their lives.

Staff are on hand to answer questions and anyone who wants to assist in any way at all can get guidance and advice.

The lottery road show will be in Fremfords Walk, Maidstone, on Saturday, Herne Bay town centre on Sunday, Gravesend town centre on September 11, 12, and 18, Dartford on October 9, Whitefriars, Canterbury on October 24 and 25, and Ashford town centre on November 4.

Demelza also celebrates its tenth birthday this year with a special event – supported by KOS Media – set to take place at Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium on September 25.

Spokeswoman, Sue Piper, said: "We are going to celebrate in style and want people to come along and join the fun – so contact us now to secure your place."



PARTY TIME: Demelza House will celebrate its 10th birthday with a special event at Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium

A number of fund-raising campaigns are being held alongside the party.

Former England football star Gary Lineker, who is a vice president of the charity, said: "Demelza has grown a lot in the last ten years and now cares for more than 450 children and families across the South East."

"But there are so many more the charity can reach with your support."

As part of the birthday celebrations, the charity is asking for volunteers to take a cardboard clown coin holder which holds ten one pound pieces and fill it up.

All fund-raising efforts will ensure the work of the organisation, which is based at Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, continues to go ahead.

• **For more information call events@demelza.org.uk or go to www.demelza.org.uk.**

Smart tips for safety by the sea

COASTGUARDS have launched a Sea Smart summer safety campaign with millions of holidaymakers set to flock to beaches around the Kent coast this summer.

Due to the pinch of the credit crunch holidays at home are set to boom over the coming weeks – with popular hotspots including Thanet, Whitstable, Folkestone and Hythe, along with the Isle of Sheppey.

But coastguards say this could mean more people getting into difficulty in the water.

The Sea Smart campaign promotes beach and sea safety messages to families with children.

UK Chief Coastguard Rod Johnson said: "More and more people are choosing to holiday at home and explore our varied, dramatic and accessible coastline."

"What I want to do is to help educate families."

Mr Johnson emphasised the following points:

- Consider visiting a beach with lifeguards if there is one nearby.
- Always keep your children in sight at the beach, especially toddlers. Even a small wave can knock a child over.
- If your child is using an inflatable, make sure they are being supervised and that the inflatable is secured to the shoreline and held by an adult. Even the slightest of breezes could blow the inflatable away from the shore.
- Keep clear of cliff edges – we've got some high cliffs around the UK and they do sometimes give way under foot.
- Always swim close to the beach in line with the shore. Don't go alone.
- Check the weather and tides before you leave home – don't get swept away.
- If you are going afloat, always wear an appropriate lifejacket or buoyancy aid.



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Is this the best Kent can come up with?

AN ARTIST'S design for a 50ft sculpture of a white stallion has been given the thumbs down by the Kent public.

Now the county council has stepped in to offer a suggestion for an iconic statue to match the Angel of the North: another horse. The original vision by Turner Prize winner Mark Wallinger is tipped to become the £2 million Angel of the South, which would stand near Ebbsfleet International station. It was one of a series of designs looking to represent the area and be visible for miles, alongside Ebbsfleet Station, near Gravesend.

But Kent County Council, unhappy with Wallinger's proposal, commissioned their own Invicta horse design in an effort to get more people to support the white horse idea. And this week it claimed 89 per cent of people at the county show preferred its design, by artist Graham Clarke, from Boughton Monchelsea.

Cllr Alex King, deputy leader of KCC, said: "The results have been overwhelming. We support the basic concept, but like the people of Kent, we want a horse more in keeping with our tradition."

An exhibition of five sculptures by commissioned artists, including Wallinger's White Horse, is on show at Bluewater.

The proposed landmark, paid for by Eurostar, London and

Continental Railways and Land Securities, is intended to be a memorable welcome to travellers.

The final decision will be made by a committee chaired by Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Alan Willett, this autumn.

• What do you think? Is the white horse too simple? Is there another icon to represent our county? Write to us at editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or leave your comments on our web page.

NO ANGEL: KCC insist their Invicta horse, bottom, is the popular public choice over Mark Wallinger's White Horse



PAINT BY GRAHAM CLARKE

Africans call for gay cleric's resignation

CONTROVERSIAL gay cleric Gene Robinson who lectured at an isolated church on Romney Marsh should be dismissed from his post as Bishop of New Hampshire, USA, according to leading African Anglicans.

The move appears to have wrecked any chance of a reconciliation within the church, which has been rocked by Bishop Robinson's appointment.

He is the only non-celibate homosexual to hold a senior Anglican post.

More than 200 church leaders have boycotted the current Lambeth Conference in protest over the issue.

The demand for Bishop Robinson's removal was formally issued by Sudanese clerics, who claimed they were representing a further 200 leading figures from churches in the developing world, especially Africa.

In a statement issued to church leaders in the name of Sudanese church leader the Most Reverend Daniel Deng they stated sex should be confined to being between a man and a woman.

"We require all those who live in the ministry of the church to live according to this standard and cannot accept church leaders whose practice is contrary to this," it said.

In a talk at St Rumwold's Church, Bonnington, Bishop Robinson - who has a bodyguard and wears a bullet proof jacket - told an audience he felt that attitudes to homosexuality as stated in the Bible need to be reinterpreted in the light of the cultural conditions which existed at the time they were written.

He added that he felt a 21st century church should be inclusive to all those who wish to be a part of it - not exclude a certain group of people for one reason.



GAY: Bishop Gene Robinson

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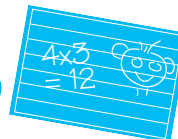
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Exam results show these students are a good investment

Trio perform better than most of the country

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THREE Sittingbourne secondary school pupils achieved some of the best results in the country in their finance exams.

Tom Murray, from Fulston Manor, and Shahanaz Rahman, from Highsted Grammar, achieved joint third highest marks out of nearly four thousand students in their certificate in financial studies.

David Brimer, from Borden Grammar, also achieved joint third highest marks out of more than 750 students taking exams in the diploma in financial studies.

All three studied for their financial studies A Level at Fulston Manor as part of a sixth-form partnership between the three schools.

These results follow on from the successes of other students who have done well nationally in this subject in recent years.

On average more than 80 per cent of students achieve grades A to C in the certificate course and 87 per cent of students achieve grades A to C on the diploma course.

Deputy head teacher Nigel Tiller said: "We're delighted to see the continuing success of students studying financial studies."

"It is particularly pleasing to note that Shahanaz and David are from our sixth form partnership schools, Highsted and Borden, so all three schools can celebrate their achievements."

Rod McKee, head of financial capability at the ifs School of Finance said: "This year more than 4,000 students have taken either the certificate or diploma in financial studies from the ifs School of Finance, so to have gained the third highest mark in the country, albeit jointly, is a tremendous success."

"Tom, Shahanaz and David can take great pride in the fact they have not only excelled personally but have excelled against their peers in such spectacular fashion."

"We wish all three every success with their future studies and employment, and have little doubt they will go on to have very successful careers."

The certificate in financial studies is an AS level equivalent qualification, carrying a full UCAS tariff. It is designed to equip students



TOP: Highsted's Shahanaz Rahman came joint third out of four thousand students in her finance exams

with the ability to make informed decisions in relation to their own personal finances, as well as providing a good grounding to pursue a career in the industry.

Highsted sixth-former Shahanaz said the course had been an interesting and enjoyable experience.

She said: "It has enthused me to carry on studying finance and achieve at the highest possible level. I aspire to work in the financial sector and my goal is to become successful and enjoy what I do, not that it only benefits me but also others."

"I'm proud to have achieved such a high grade in my exam, which I wouldn't have been able to do without the support of Highsted Grammar School and the head of sixth form Mr Evans, and the help, support and encouragement of my two financial studies teachers Mr Tiller and Mr Steele at Fulston Manor School."

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COLOURFUL FUN: SMC Mitsubishi executive Philip Holladay, far right, joined pupils for the balloon launch

Youngsters let balloons loose

THE winning entrant from a school's balloon race soared across the Channel to Belgium.

Meadowfield School, which caters for children with special needs aged four to 19, released nearly 200 toy balloons on Tuesday, July 15, from the playing field in Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne, as their teachers and helpers looked on.

Each balloon was allocated to one of the pupils, with the winner receiving a prize specially chosen for them by race sponsor SMC Mitsubishi of Sittingbourne.

The winning ticket, belonging to a 19-

year-old pupil, was found in Tienen, Belgium, some 224 miles from the school.

School headteacher Philip Rankin was delighted with the response by the children and said: "We would like to thank everyone for their support and in particular SMC Mitsubishi. The event has been a tremendous success."

Meadowfield School was created in September 2004 following the amalgamation of St Thomas' and St Bartholomew's and is in the process of undergoing a multi-million refurbishment project, expected to be completed in spring 2009.

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Shelling out like a tourist gives that sinking feeling

THERE have been some real surprises over the last ten days or so.

Firstly, there was the rather sad sight of a boat full of fireworks sailing into position for the display as part of the Whitstable Regatta, only for it to sink and the pyrotechnics become, literally, a damp squib.

The first surprise being that there was a sufficiently powerful wave to cause such chaos in the normally serene waters of the Thames Estuary and, second, that the boat was far out enough to sink.

You can practically walk to the Isle of Sheppey without the water going much higher than your waist.

However, that almost paled into insignificance at the price some traders were charging hapless tourists for a single oyster earlier that day. What can normally be snapped up for 60p suddenly shot up, fuel price-style, to an inflation-busting £1.

But if you live in Whitstable or Canterbury, it will come as no great surprise to see prices rocket when there's the scent of tourist on the

air. And, to an extent, so it should. After all, so much of the economy rides on it. Yet, while we're talking tourism, surely the biggest surprise of all – perhaps not just this week but this year – was the unveiling of a waxwork at Madame Tussauds which, shock of shocks, actually resembled the person it is modelled on.

Amy Winehouse may be a few bricks short of a barbecue, but the waxwork unveiled of her last week was truly remarkable. It looked just like her. One assumes there is even a wick sticking out of her feet and beehive to represent her burning of the metaphorical candle at both ends.

Seriously, it's a fine job. But it highlights a remarkable business achievement. Namely, quite how Madame Tussauds still manages to win such remarkable news coverage.

Now, I may well be doing a national – actually, make that international – institution a huge disservice here, having never visited it, but I remain entirely unconvinced as to how anyone can derive any pleasure whatsoever from strolling round a room of waxworks, or

why we should care about it.

OK, in the Victorian era, before television brought famous people into our homes, I can perhaps see the point. But today? No. Why not just buy a magazine and look at a photograph of the real person?

Why marvel at the frequently inept efforts of a wax-workateer (or whatever they call themselves) and pay – yes, this is the correct adult price – £25 for the privilege?

What's more, I'm reliably informed there are frequently lengthy queues with tourists lining up to shell out to ogle the "famous faces" and, of course, have their pictures taken with them.

Now when it comes to surprises, surely there can be none bigger than the fact that so many of us actually want to spend such huge sums on something so bizarre.

After all, at those prices, just think of the two dozen and a bit oysters you could have enjoyed at Whitstable prices.

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Now is a great time to get out in the garden and enjoy the sunshine. It is also a great time to take up home composting. From Oscar winning actress Dame Helen Mirren to TV presenter Chris Evans and millions of us, everyone is doing it. There are many excellent reasons for composting at home, but many people are simply unaware that this is one of the easiest ways they can help the environment in their own daily life.



Each year, two wheelbarrow loads full of organic waste are produced for every man, woman and child in England. That's enough organic waste annually to fill the Royal Albert Hall more than 400 times over. This waste can be recycled in to nutrient-rich compost for use for all manner of plants in gardens up and down the country.

It is not just garden trimmings that can be composted. A staggering one third of a household's waste can be composted at home, and that can make a huge difference to the amount of waste which is sent to landfill sites each year. When organic waste is sent to landfill it gets buried under other waste and decomposes without oxygen, producing a powerful greenhouse gas, methane. However, when the same waste is composted at home it breaks down with oxygen and no methane is emitted. By composting at home you also cut down on the amount of energy used annually on transporting domestic waste to landfill sites all over the country, and get free fertiliser for use on plants and gardens.

All you need to get started composting at home is a compost bin - discounted bins are available from www.recyclenow.com/compost. Just input your postcode to see which compost bins are available in your area. Once you've purchased a bin, you need to site it somewhere easily accessible in the garden, preferably directly on the earth so worms can find their way into the bin.

Filling up the bin is simple. Many people who already home compost are unaware of the variety of items that can be recycled by home composting. Uncooked fruit and veg peelings from the kitchen can go straight in to the compost bin, as well as dead flowers and plant prunings. In order to create a balanced compost, you need to ensure that you mix these 'greens' with equal amounts of fibrous 'browns' like crumpled up cereal boxes, insides of toilet rolls or shredded paper. The perfect mix of green and brown items create an environment where microbes can break down the mix of organic waste naturally into a rich dark compost for use on plants and gardens. Other items you might not have thought you could compost include:

- Egg shells;
- Tea bags;
- Coffee grounds;
- Dog hair;
- Hamster bedding and
- Even the contents of your vacuum cleaner.

If you want to cut down on the number of trips you make to the bin, it would be worth getting a composting caddy for your home. You can use the caddy to store up biodegradable household waste such as vegetable peelings, but you need only empty it into your compost bin when it is convenient. You can buy compost caddies from many retailers and the Recycle Now website, or alternatively you can just use an old ice cream tub.



Home compost is a product that will help your garden and the environment as a whole - putting valuable nutrients back into the soil and helping gardens to look healthier and more beautiful. For tips on how to use your finished compost, check out www.recyclenow.com/compost. It takes between six and nine months to produce your own compost - so if you can't wait that long, peat free and peat reduced composts (also made from recycled green materials), are another great ingredient for your garden and are available from most garden centres. These are competitively priced, great for the garden, providing the key nutrients that plants need to thrive, and great for the environment as they divert garden waste from landfill sites.

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TALK TIME

KEN FULTON

The former chairman of the Sittingbourne Orpheus choir talks about his love of music, from Bach to the Beatles, and getting soaked on the QEII bridge



Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I was born in Glasgow in 1938 and moved to England at the age of nine. I first went to have piano lessons aged six and also sang in church choirs from 11 to 13. When I went to college I was a marine engineering cadet with Shell, so music took a back seat. I left the seafaring life in 1962 and joined the Babcock Group and then Bechtel in 1964 as a control systems engineer. There I stayed and worked for 36 years, before retiring early in 2000.

What is your favourite type of choral singing?

The Orpheus, while I have sung with them, have performed everything from The Beatles to Bach, but any music is a great form of relaxation. SOCS has a marvellous Music for Christmas concert which is performed in the Swallows sports hall, where the choir and members of the audience really start Christmas with a bang.

Where have you performed?

Our choir was among many from Kent and Essex at the opening of the Queen Elizabeth II bridge at Dartford. That was on the first wet day of the year and everyone was thoroughly soaked before we got on the singing platform. We crossed the bridge two days before it officially opened. Cameron Mackintosh was involved in the preparations and promises were made about videos of the occasion being made available but nothing ever came to fruition. Perhaps it was due to the bad weather.

YOUR LETTERS



RUN CHASE: Kent batsman Rob Key hits out

So proud of Kent's Twenty20 heroics

What a shame it was to see Kent get so close in the final of the Twenty20 Cup yet not succeed in retaining the trophy.

To get so close in the highest run chase in the history of the tournament's final was a great achievement and they should be very proud of the way they played.

Let's hope cricket's governing bodies can ensure they play in the Champions League set up this autumn and there are no problems with player registrations. To see the county side play international competitive cricket would be a real bonus for supporters who have followed the team through many lean years.

Mike Paynter
Via email

Radio coverage was a little provincial

What a difference in commentary on the Twenty20 Cup finals day offered by two BBC stations, Radio Kent and Five Live.

I started listening to the games on Radio Kent and all I could hear was that the people in the commentary box couldn't see the scoreboard. Or the mascot race



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had been delayed, or something equally underwhelming. Summariser David Fulton did

his best, but he was drowned out by incessant irrelevances. For all their annoying matiness

Radio Five's crew were far superior, actually managing to convey the excitement of the games.

Kerry Hatcher,
via email

It doesn't feel safer out on the streets

It is all very well to say crime has dropped, according to the police, as reported last week.

But the level of antisocial behaviour seems to keep rising and no one can tell me it was worse a few years ago.

Damage, graffiti and abusive behaviour are far more prevalent than they ever were - whatever the police say.

If officers are tackling crime so well, maybe this is an area they could turn their attention to as it affects the quality of life of so many people.

Mike Davies,
by email

Let's take a stand over Zimbabwe

So it looks as if KCC is investing in companies which have a link with Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe and it is only the Greens who have the courage to pull them up on it (KCC defends Zimbabwe shares link, Yoursware, July 23).

At a time when the whole world has expressed abhorrence at what is going on in Zimbabwe, would it be too much to expect our county's elected leaders to take a stand?

It is time for individuals to petition councillors to ensure they know what is happening at County Hall and make them accountable for the actions taken in their name.

Michaela Jackson,
by email

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Hook up with a book for the Kent Year of Reading



Reading promotion deserves applause

What a good idea it is to have a year of reading (Hook up with a book for the Kent Year of Reading, Yourswale, July 23).

The county should be praised for promoting the national drive to get more young people to read.

Developing imagination is a fundamental part of education and any way this can be accomplished should be applauded.

David Browne,
via email

It's better late than never on reforms

I am all in favour of the proposed welfare reforms just announced by the Government. It is just a shame they have taken more than 12 years, and even then their only original thought was to steal Tory policies and pretend they were their own. It is right that people who can work should be made to work. However, I have a couple of concerns.

What will happen in those areas of high unemployment where there are few jobs? How can you wean people from a benefits culture when there are either no jobs for them to

take or they lack skills? We need to provide better training for young people in order that they are better prepared for the workplace, which is why I welcome David Cameron's announcement that a Conservative government will spend £750 million to create 100,000 apprenticeships.

It is also incumbent upon the Government to stimulate the growth of employment in areas of higher than average unemployment.

Take Sheppey. Encouraging expansion of the docks and pump-priming a rejuvenation of the tourist industry would provide much-needed jobs and remove any need to claim unemployment benefit.

Another concern I have is that people who are genuinely unable to work will be disadvantaged.

Proposals to encourage those on incapacity benefit to find suitable work might have been made with the best of intentions, but such policies must be implemented with sensitivity and common sense.

I know of a local man who claimed incapacity benefit because whenever he used his arm he was in agony.

He was subjected to a medical assessment after which he was declared fit to work. Two weeks after the assessment the man was diagnosed with bone cancer. This was drawn to the attention of the benefits office. You would have thought that production of a medical certificate proving he was suffering from cancer would have immediately triggered an agreement to pay benefit, but you would be wrong. The applicant was told that the only way he could get the benefit was to appeal against the original decision, which would take weeks. This case highlights my worry that any tightening of the

rules will lead to more people being disadvantaged unless those who are charged with deciding claims are encouraged to use more common sense and humanity.

Gordon Henderson,
Conservative parliamentary candidate for
Sittingbourne and Sheppey

We are misgoverned by masters of war

History may clarify the illegality of Iraq and Afghanistan's occupation by US/UK forces. Shuttle diplomacy by Tony Blair is unconvincing after his duplicity in taking us to war.

He cost taxpayers £750,000 for his farewell tour – prior to a full-time pursuit of personal ambitions.

Could it be contributory to the credit crunch as well?

Lives here and those of innocent victims of war are wrecked. So too flood-blighted neighbourhoods in New Orleans and Hull etc, testament to the domestic failures of the Bush and Blair governments.

Corporate criminals believe they do nothing wrong or harmful. Prevention is non-existent against parliamentary excesses. Prime ministers, mayors and their hangers-on have an unjustified sense of entitlement to public money. MPs and MEPs rip off taxpayers because they can. They set slack rules for themselves and punishing taxes for us.

Our ability to care for ourselves is compromised by misappropriation of our earnings, making us prey to entrenched, uncurbed and unregulated misgovernment.

Rita Grootendorst,
by email



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CLASSIC: Considered one of the most creative musicians of his generation, Lloyd Webber is heading to Leeds Castle for an intimate performance

An unmissable castle concert

Showcase for acclaimed cellist Julian Lloyd Webber

THE opportunity to hear a world famous cellist perform in an intimate setting does not come along every day.

Julian Lloyd Webber has been hailed as one of the most creative musicians of his generation, having premiered more than 50 new works for the cello and inspired compositions by a diverse range of composers from Malcolm Arnold and Joaquin Rodrigo, to James MacMillan and Philip Glass.

His many recordings have attracted high critical acclaim and a Brit Award. His coupling of Britten's Cello Symphony and Walton's Concerto, recorded with Sir Neville Marriner and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, was described by Gramophone magazine as "beyond any rival".

Lloyd Webber won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music when he was just 16 and went on to complete his studies in Geneva, under the tutelage of renowned French cellist Pierre Fournier. His stellar career has included collaborations with an array of musicians including Yehudi

Menuhin, Lorin Maazel, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Georg Solti, Stephane Grappelli, Elton John and Cleo Laine.

He recently recorded Phantasia for EMI Records, which was based on his brother Andrew's phenomenally successful musical Phantom of the Opera. The recording featured violinist Sarah Chang and Unexpected Songs.

Awards

Lloyd Webber's version of the Elgar Concerto conducted by Menuhin, for which he won a Brit Award, was named the finest ever version by BBC Music Magazine. His many other releases include the Dvorák Concerto with Vaclav Neumann and the Czech Philharmonic, Tchaikovsky's Rocco Variations with the London Symphony under Maxim Shostakovich and the short piece collections Made in England, Cello Moods and Cradle Songs for Universal Classics.

He also writes a monthly music column for the Daily Telegraph and plays an active part in music education projects. Lloyd Webber plays the Barjansky Stradivarius cello, dating from around 1690.

His programme at Leeds Castle's romantic banquet hall will include Bach's Adagio in G, Britten's Scherzo-Pizzicato, The Swan by Saint Saens and Debussy's Sonata from 1915.

After the interval he will premiere a specially commissioned piece by former Classic FM composer in Residence, Patrick Hawes. The audience will also hear In The Half Light, written by his father William, and Lloyd Webber's own composition Jackie's Song.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £75. There are also opportunities to enjoy a post-concert dinner and stay overnight at the castle. For more information and to book, phone the box office on 01622 880008, or see www.leeds-castle.com/arts.

The recital is part of the Arts at the Castle programme which also features concerts by Patrick Hawes on Monday and celebrated Italian pianist Adolfo Barabino on Wednesday. Full details of all concerts can be found on the website.

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Tuesday, August 5
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Thursday, July 31
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

MUSIC lovers can enjoy four great bands for the price of one with the ensemble show Call Up The Groups.

At the time of going to press tickets were selling out fast for this fantastic show, so act quickly if you want to see The Barron Knights, The Tremeloes, The Fortunes and Marmalade in action on the same stage.

These exceptional musicians scored many gold and silver records between them and



have a wealth of talent still to be discovered by audiences. More than 30 of their hugely popular and memorable hits feature in the show, including Call Up The Groups, Silence Is Golden, You've Got Your Troubles and Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da.

There will also be the chance to witness some unique sights, such as the four drummers stepping into the spotlight to sing a classic 60s hit and the four lead guitarists rocking out in an unmissable guitar quartet.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£16.50. To book call 01227 787787 or visit www.marlowetheatre.com.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

Sunday, August 3
Dane John Gardens, Canterbury

SHAKESPEARE'S timeless battle of the sexes gets a hilarious modern twist in a new version of The Taming of the Shrew.

The Pantaloon gives the Bard's comedy an original slant with their use of puppets, circus skills and music to illustrate the story of a boorish fortune hunter and a hot-tempered shrew.

Suitable for all the family, the show will be staged outdoors, so bring a blanket and enjoy the fresh air.

Shakespeare's original tale of a feisty woman brought under control by her clever new husband has been adapted for stage and screen many times.

Sweet-tempered Bianca



has two eager suitors but her father decrees that she cannot marry until her grouchy sister Katherine has been paired off. With very few men willing to take on the shrewish young woman, all appears lost.

That is until Katherine

meets her match in Petruchio, who is simply looking for a rich wife and cares nothing for love.

The performance starts at 2pm and admission is free. Find out more about The Pantaloon at www.thepantaloon.co.uk.

GAIL DAVIES

Monday, August 4
Zebra Bar, Maidstone

ONE of Nashville's finest singers, songwriters and producers will be visiting Maverick @Zebra next week.

Gail Davies was born in Oklahoma, where she grew up around the classic country music that played on her mother's juke box. Her father Tex Dickerson was a Louisiana Hayride singer and Davies spent time backstage there in the late 40s.

Brother Ron Davies was a member of cult band the Wailers and she toured with them in the 60s, before moving to Los Angeles. She recorded a string of hits in the 70s and 80s before joining Liberty Records as country music's first female staff producer. But a trip to Europe in 1992 convinced her to release albums on her own label Little Chickadee.

Davies is now married to Welsh bass player Rob Price. Her son Chris Scruggs – a sometime member of BR549, a solo artist and the grandson of legendary Earl Scruggs – will be joining this tour.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £9 in advance or £11 on the door. To book call 01622 744481.



SWALE LEISURE

Outdoor play truly is a midsummer dream

ENJOY Shakespeare's magical tale of fairies, love potions and deception in A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The enchanting comedy is being staged in the open air at Belmont House near Faversham on Friday and Saturday. The Changling and the Hazlitt Theatre presents the production, in which fairy king Oberon instructs his minion Puck to dose the queen Titania with love potion – bringing about complicated results.

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Visit the farm for some wonderful animal fun

FARMING World will be hosting a series of events for all the family this summer.

The attraction at Boughton will welcome John Jo Magic Man and Circus Magic on Monday, Circus Magic on Tuesday and a variety of beasts for the Creepy Crawly Day on Wednesday.

Future highlights will include 'have a go falconry', Inflatables Day and a performance by Mrs Back to Front. For more details see www.farming-world.com.

Get jazzy with it when duo perform live gig

THE Summer of Jazz continues at Orange Street Music Venue with another great concert.

The Phil Chaundy and Nick Peck Trio will perform a colourful mix of jazz and pop stylings at the venue tomorrow, with Chaundy on saxophone and Peck on piano. The gig starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £8/£6.

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Lose yourself in a great live gig this weekend

LISTEN to some great music in the company of The Lost Weekend when they perform in Whitstable.

The four-piece covers band plays hits by the likes of Oasis, The Strokes, The Animals and Tom Jones. They will be performing at The East Kent in Oxford Street at 9pm on Saturday. For more details about the venue call the pub on 01227 272018.

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Festival vibe comes to town during folk week

Music, dance and craft fair

BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE hard-working organisers behind Broadstairs Folk Week deserve knighthoods for services to music – after offering up 540 events across seven days.

By my reckoning that boils down to 77.14 concerts, workshops, fairs and other folk-related attractions each day.

To push the basic mathematics a few steps further that roughly translates to one new, exciting event every 20 minutes.

More than 120 folk artists alone have been lined up to perform during the annual August event, far too many to name individually.

However, some of the stand-out archetypal 'we drink real ale and like skiffle' folk-named bands include The Trouser Trumpets, Shadrack Boswell's Knifegrinders, Junk & Disorderly and His Worship & The Pig.

Workshops include dance such as Bulgarian, Cajun and English clog; song such as African polyphonies, harmony singing and Northumbrian tunes, and music such as tenor banjo, fiddle and the mandolin.

The ever-popular craft fair, situated on Victoria Gardens, next to the bandstand on



the seafront, is open from 10am to 10pm and features an array of exotic gifts from across the globe.

A Folk Week spokesman said: "If you need an unusual present, this is the place. Handmade jumpers from Ecuador, musical instruments, pottery, handmade cards, jewellery, silks from the Far East, rainbow-coloured shoes, leather belts, lanterns, castles, garden ornaments – the list is endless.

With the week starting up in only nine days time, the organisers said they were itching to get going.

The spokesman said: "During Folk Week, life in Broadstairs really is set to music.

"In the parks, pubs, gardens, beaches and promenade, musicians, from the highly professional to the inexperienced amateur, get together in impromptu sessions whilst Morris dancers, Appalachian clog dancers, rapper sword dancers and many others demonstrate



GREAT: Eliza Carthy and Warsaw, left, are among the many performers due to appear at Broadstairs Folk Week

their skills on the streets and along the prom.

"There really is a festival vibe in the town, nobody who arrives in Broadstairs during Folk Week wonders whether there is an event taking place, it's inescapable – in the best possible way."

Folk Week runs from Friday, August 8, to Friday, August 15.

For tickets and more information visit www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk.

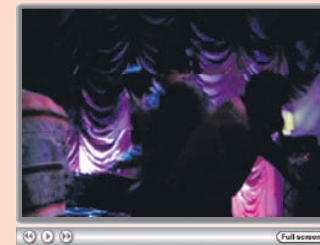
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A verve of victorious vibes

■ Village Hotel

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Verve grill offers a wide range of dishes made fresh everyday with regular seasonal changes to shake up the menu, at a price that's right.

Then there is the Sunday Best – a four course carvery lunch for just £12.95, when you can fill up your plate as many times you like. Visit Victory Pub & Kitchen and experience proper pub grub from 9oz burgers, two for £10.



Historic inn is a modern place to eat

■ The Orchard Spot

STEEPED in history, The Orchard Spot in Otham has established itself as a true destination pub.

The 15th century inn boasts tables for 40, plus a large patio area and a function room capable of accommodating up to 200 people.

The room even comes with a water terrace complete with topiary, ideal for weddings, corporate events or for showcasing live music.

But it's the a la carte menu which draws in the customers day in, day out.

Priding itself on an excellent choice of fresh dishes, among its



most popular is a sizzling chicken platter in a sweet Thai chilli sauce served with basmati rice.

Little wonder, then, it has attracted a splattering of star names over the years.

Among those savouring the atmosphere have been celebrities such as Chas N Dave, singer Candy Staton and comedian Jimmy Jones. And if actor Ray Winston were to ever walk in

and ask for his dinner, then Maidstone-born chef Richard Arter would be truly delighted.

Surrounded by green fields and fantastic views, the whole family can enjoy what The Orchard Spot has to offer, courtesy of a purpose-built children's play area and lots of car parking.

And what better way to relax over Sunday lunch than with some cool jazz – laid on each weekend.

The pub also hosts lots of events and prides itself on the excellent Christmas service for those of you looking ahead.

For more information about these special events or to find out about the food before you book, see www.theorchardspot.co.uk.

CHEF RECOMMENDS

Empress of India

Start with onion bhaji with a somosa or a shami kebab. Then try butter chicken cooked in ghee to a creamy sauce with almonds. And why not try some keema rice and mixed dry vegetables with a keema paratha on the side?

Village Hotel

Don't be afraid to ask for deviations from the menu. When food is cooked fresh, requests to amend how it is prepared are not an issue: grilled rather than fried, no butter, no cream and so on.

The Aviator

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BY GEORGINA RODGERS

DANGLING upside down from a trapeze by my knees and swinging through the hot air I felt a rush of excitement and fear.

It was the first time I had tried circus skills. Despite my reluctance to have a go, as I walked away from the aerial equipment towards the beach, I was already planning my next session.

But the all-important question was: when was I going to fit this in to my hectic schedule?

Between cycling, tennis, sailing, salsa classes and, of course, those all important afternoons relaxing by the pool or on the beach with a cocktail in one hand and a book in the other, I was struggling to find a window in my holiday diary.

Jackie, our friendly Club Med rep, told me it was impossible to get bored at the Kamarina resort. By day one of our holiday, I could see exactly what she meant.

On a pre-paid, all-inclusive holiday, guests can do as much or as little as they please. There is something for everyone – from body pump and aqua aerobics for

the gym bunny, to archery, a climbing wall and quad biking for the more adventurous or jet skiing, kayaking and catamaran sailing for the water babes.

There is no pressure to be any good at any of these skills. As my partner tried to co-ordinate his two left feet during a salsa class, the teacher was friendly and merely invited us both back to the next day's session.

The resort also stood out for its excellent tennis facilities with about 25 clay courts, professional tuition, and complementary racket and ball hire.

The most evident thing about Club Med was its family-friendly ethos and range of children's clubs.

Children, aged from four to ten can go to the Mini Club Med, whilst 11- to 17-year olds are welcomed to Club Med Passworld. Club Med Baby and Petite Club Med take care of the youngest.

The clubs are open for six days out of seven for nine hours a day and a special team of GOs (Gentils Organisateurs) keep the children occupied and happy throughout the day.

Despite the fact that Club Med is a French company and their clientele mostly French and Italian, they said there would always be a fluent English-speaking GO. In fact, we found that



CLUB MED: The Kamarina resort on Sicily provides an inclusive family-friendly holiday

most staff spoke English anyway. Mealtimes were also very child-friendly, with each of the four village restaurants equipped with high-chairs and dishes suitable for children and babies.

The food was fresh and locally-sourced with a huge selection of freshly cooked fish, meat and vegetarian dishes, salads and pasta choices to choose from.

All the restaurants were self-service and our favourite was

Trinacria in the hotel, which we found slightly less hectic and more peaceful than the others.

The accommodation was also surprisingly good. Across the 96-hectare village, the rooms are split between the main hotel and the villaggio, where we were based.

Despite a gaggle of noisy Italians partying late into the night, it was peaceful and a holiday destination I would highly recommend.

FACT FILE: SICILY

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Population	5.2 million
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Religion	Roman Catholic
Climate	Mediterranean

Georgina Rodgers was a guest of Club Med which offers Sicily holidays with seven-night stays during May at Club Med Kamarina from £719 per adult and £472 per child (4-11) and from £250 per child (2-3), incl return flights ex-Gatwick, and transfers, personal holiday insurance, all meals with wine, beer and soft drinks, open bar and snacks, Club Med Baby Welcome, Mini Club Med (4-10 years), Club Med Passworld (11-17 years) and various group classes and sporting activities.

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WALL-E (U)



The creators of Toy Story return with a fun-packed comedy about a little robot who holds the key to saving the Earth. Wall-E (Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class) discovers a new purpose in life when he meets a sleek search robot named Eve. Eve comes to realise Wall-E has stumbled on the key to the planet's future, and races back to space to report her findings to the humans with Wall-E in hot pursuit.

Bale shows his dark side

BY ELLIE GENOWER

GONE are the days when Batman was a just a camp character in tights – now he is brooding, shadowy and even political.

The superhero was revitalised when British actor Christian Bale gave his intense interpretation of the caped crusader in 2005 movie, Batman Begins.

In The Dark Knight, the second in director Christopher Nolan's take on the franchise, Bruce Wayne is a millionaire with a mission – to save corrupt and dangerous Gotham City from criminals like the anarchistic Joker (the late Heath Ledger).

"It's nice to be coming in and playing a character where you know the whole back story," says a moody-looking Christian Bale, who is sitting hunched forward, arms folded in front of him.

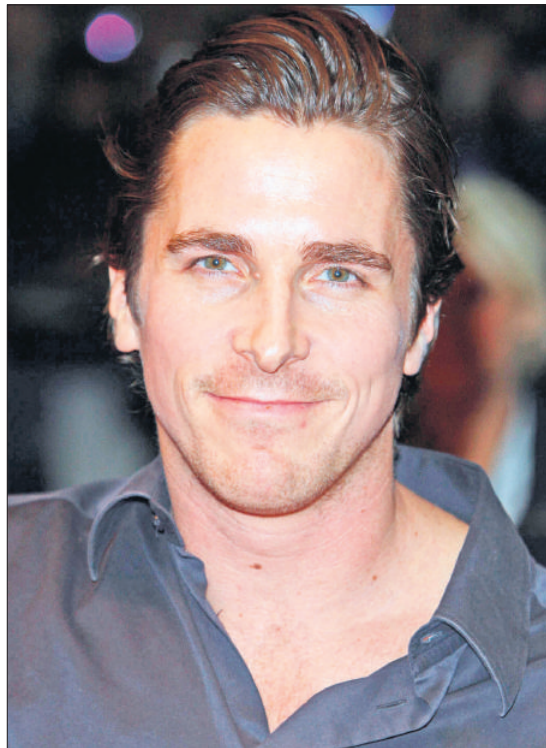
"We are trying to show a very real Gotham and real humanity to a superhero.

"Batman has no super powers. He has these conflicts within himself. He's somebody who has great altruism and who has at the same time, great temptation towards chaos, violence and revenge. He's a complete character."

Heath Ledger's version of The Joker is also a world away from the one-dimensional villain often seen in superhero films.

This movie was the last that Heath completed before his death in January this year, but the Australian actor's performance as the anarchistic psychopath is already being talked about as one of the year's most outstanding.

"Somebody like Heath loves to immerse himself completely in the role, and you can see the pleasure he's getting from that," says 34-year-old Christian.



RELUCTANT HERO: Christian Bale, like Batman, prefers to stay out of the spotlight

"And I feel likewise – that's the pleasure I get from acting.

"The way Heath plays The Joker – it's not like we're watching Heath Ledger enjoying playing this zany crazy character. He disappears and becomes this anarchic, destructive, chaotic individual."

And it's Batman who provides The Joker with his toughest challenge yet in the movie.

"Everyone's been a pushover

for The Joker," says Christian.

"Everybody can be leveraged so damn easily. The mob – they want money, that's boring. Also, The Joker despises hypocrisy and he's finally finding in Batman somebody who doesn't have that.

"But he recognises Batman's weak spot – that he will not kill."

Born and raised in Britain, Christian, who began his career in Empire Of The Sun, is now based in Los Angeles, and after

filming Batman and other American films like 3:10 To Yuma, he sports a mid-Atlantic accent.

Rarely smiling throughout the interview, he has said he prefers not to reveal too much about his personal life to the press. For the record, he has been married to Sibi Blazic, a former personal assistant to Winona Ryder, for eight years, and they have a three-year-old daughter, Emmaline.

He also doesn't seem too interested in giving his opinion on anything other than the film, and won't really be drawn on why superhero movies like Iron Man and The Incredible Hulk are pushing people's buttons this summer.

"Absolutely no idea about that," he says.

"There's always a need for heroic figures. I think superheroes are a modern-day equivalent to Greek mythological figures. So naturally everybody wants a hero.

"But by the time I'm in the middle of making a movie, I'm not doing it because I'm thinking it's what society needs at this time. I'm just looking selfishly at what I'm interested in and what intrigues me."



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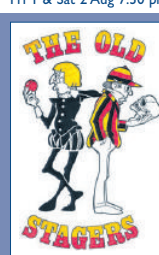
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Rod Barr, 47, from Nonington, won the Honda PS125i after identifying the equipment used by Ernie Els in the Honda Classic event in Florida earlier this year. He entered through the store, based on the Wincheap Industrial Estate.

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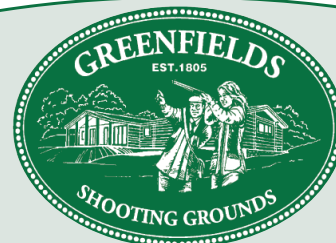
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GRANGE HILL
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BY TOM BETTS

I SPENT hours and hours in my youth watching Grange Hill and I'd say with some confidence that it was better than most – if not all – of the TV aimed at our kids today.

So, I was dismayed to hear the plug had been pulled and show creator Phil Redmond felt the show had "run its course".

It was up there with the axing of Top of the Pops as a 'head in hands, this country is going down the pan' moment.

And the real salt in the wound is the possibility of a spin-off, set to be called The Grange, which takes place in a multimedia learning centre.

All very PC, but I'll bet my bottom dollar it'll last about as long as Eldorado.

I was with the gang in the glory days when they said a big fat 'no' to drugs (or in Zammo's case 'yes'), when large-framed Roland Browning copped off with French girl Fabienne and when Mr Bronson lost his wig thanks to that mischievous, artistic weirdo Danny Kendall. Damn that little rascal.

And who can forget the flying sausage on a fork randomly entering the comic strip frame as the titles crept along to that jaunty, yet somewhat sinister, theme tune – and I haven't even mentioned Tucker Jenkins.

Ah, great days!

It was with all this in mind that I tuned in to pay my last respects to the current, and 31st series, which is destined to be the last before this TV classic goes off to that great inkwell in the sky.

Like me it's been going for about 30 years so I had to have one last look, for old times sake.



NEW: Togger (Chris Perry-Metcalf) is another in a long line of great Grange Hill characters

I had dreaded what I was about to see and imagined it would be little more than Hollyoaks for pre-teens, but I've certainly spent worse 25 minutes.

Some young scamp called Togger was doing his best Cassanova impression and stringing along the ladies – good to see that some of the original spirit was still there.

If it wasn't so late in the day and about to bite the dust I think I could really get back into this; and I'm not even yanking your school tie.

Shame we all have these pesky job things stopping us from enjoying such treats and tuning in more, but then again, in true Hill style, I guess we could all rebel a bit and sneak off early every now and then.

Meet me behind the bikesheds after lunch break.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

A MEETING of the minds ushers in a new phase of a relationship. You're starting to realise you can't do everything by yourself – nor do you want to. Business pairings are favoured. Your partner can handle the practical aspects of your partnership, while you attend to other things. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU may decide to move to a new home. Although change isn't your favourite thing, this transition will be very good for you. It will help you to think in terms of what you need, instead of what everyone else wants. If a child or roommate decides to move out, don't stop them. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A RARE opportunity to realise your personal potential could fall into your lap. The changes ahead will transform your lifestyle. Some of your friends may fall by the wayside. It may even be necessary to move to a posh neighbourhood. Don't let feelings of loyalty hold you back. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU could be rewarded for your career success. A glamorous job, a big promotion, or a handsome raise could be yours. Alternately, you could be given an award for excellence. People are impressed with your leadership abilities. These days, it's rare to meet someone who can inspire. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

TURNING over a new leaf with regard to your health is key. Help will seem to drop from the sky. Don't look this gift horse in the mouth. If someone offers you counsel, accept. This person may assume a parental role in your life and you probably need to be handled this way. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

TAKING a class could give you a whole new lease on life. You've been blessed with great intellectual gifts. When you don't put them to use, depression sets in. The performing arts could have special appeal for you. Studying acting, singing, or dancing is highly favoured. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU could uncover surprising information about your hidden motivations. Now you have seen how you have been your own worst enemy, you can correct the problem. Stop loading your schedule with odious tasks. Make time for solitary activities like reading, writing, and craftwork. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A DESIRE for wisdom and truth could lure you down a whole new path. Going on a spiritual pilgrimage could be in the cards. Expanding your horizons is the name of the game. If you're offered an opportunity, grab it with both hands. Don't worry about the mundane details of life. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

NEWS of a pregnancy could come as a total surprise. The arrival of this child will change your life in strange and exciting ways. Lately, you've been putting too much emphasis on work and personal obligations. You've got to step back from these duties, or they'll drag you down. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU could be offered a very lucrative job. Providing services to wealthy clients could bring you lots of pleasure, as well as a great deal of money. Resist the urge to indulge in destructive habits. They will only prevent you from doing the work necessary to succeed. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

AN unusual group of people is about to enter your life. Your new friends will prompt you to question many assumptions. All of the sudden, you're not sure of what is the best way to live. Infinite possibilities for leading a productive and happy life will become evident. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR love life could undergo some interesting twists and turns. All of the sudden, you're no longer content to have a steady job, good friends, and a roof over your head. Now you crave intimacy. Someone who breaks down your defences makes you realise your full potential. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Capricorn** 09067-531761

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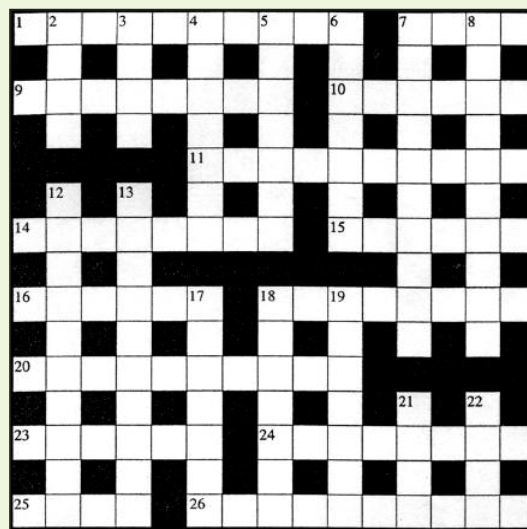
ACROSS

- 1 Three times skip this ice-skating manoeuvre (6-4)
- 7 About to strike shellfish (4)
- 9 Would this hot spell raise sea temperature? (4,4)
- 10 Constrain some stucco cementing (6)
- 11 Airy trial? (4-6)
- 14 St Merin disguised wandering singer (8)
- 15 Bird left half shellfish (6)
- 16 Glance thus if confused (6)
- 18 Support objection to long hair (8)
- 20 Specifying as a condition when pronouncing fit (10)
- 23 Hit second three-wheeler (6)
- 24 Willing to endure play (8)
- 25 Worn section of investment (4)
- 26 Deputation from French diplomatic mission (10)

DOWN

- 2 Rush by the river (4)
- 3 Ruth had matter for regret (4)
- 4 One to enforce payment from former player (7)
- 5 Tool in US inlet swirling (7)
- 6 Deep calm (7)
- 7 Trust eccentric having means of payment (6,4)
- 8 Poisoning school mail dangerously (10)
- 12 Outline of house title removed (10)
- 13 Tip worth having (6,4)
- 17 Battering area near the wicket! (7)
- 18 Port or cherry? (7)
- 19 Follow, not North Philippine language (7)
- 21 Courage needed to prevent skidding (4)
- 22 Slip knot (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Turning sharply (10)
- 7 Give off vapour (4)
- 9 Pit collecting filthy water (8)
- 10 Swampy ground (6)
- 11 Successful (10)
- 14 Pattern of spots (5-3)
- 15 Genial (anag.) (6)
- 16 Emergency (6)
- 18 Stupefying (8)
- 20 Cheshire town (10)
- 23 Shellfish (6)
- 24 Produced involuntary contractions (8)
- 25 Move (4)
- 26 Fame (10)

DOWN

- 2 Notion (4)
- 3 Zing (4)
- 4 Made furrows (7)
- 5 Illegal (7)
- 6 Small abscess in mouth (7)
- 7 Vehemence (10)
- 8 Deciding wrongly (10)
- 12 Reporter (10)
- 13 Tall building (10)
- 17 Treason (anag.) (7)
- 18 Job badly done (5-2)
- 19 Tailless feline (4,3)
- 21 Leave (4)
- 22 Conqueror (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No46

EASY

8	5	6	7	3	9	2	4	1
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MEDIUM

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HARD

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No46

ACROSS: 1 Attach-case 9 Amoral 10 Marquee 12 Aircrew 14 Naavest 15 King Solomon 16 Per 17 Née 19 Index-finger 22 Jasmine 23 Rayless 24 Litotes 25 Vulgar 26 Academician. DOWN: 2 Tamarin 3 Auroras 4 Hal 5 Cement mixer 6 Serbian 7 Tune up 8 Letterpress 11 Jack and Jill 13 Well-dressed 18 Ersatz 19 Idiomatic 20 Idyllic 21 Grenada 25 Vim.

QUICK SOLUTION No47

ACROSS: 1 Zigzagging 7 Fume 9 Cesspool 10 Morris 11 Victorious 14 Polla-dot 15 Image 16 Crisis 18 Benusing 20 Warrington 23 Limpet 24 Hiccuped 25 Str 26 Repudiation. DOWN: 1 Skyscraper 8 Grooved 5 Illfate 6 Gambol 7 Ferndress 8 Misjudging 12 Journalist 13 Skyscraper 17 Senator 18 Boctch-up 19 Manx cat 21 Quit 22 Hero.

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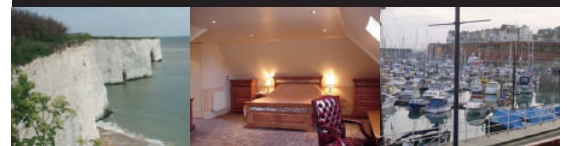
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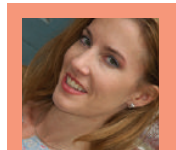
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Slim female with hazel eyes, 44, attractive, GSOH, like eating in/out, pubs, clubbing, singing, dancing! WLTW tall, slim-medium male for fun, friendship and maybe more. Box 442808 ☎

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Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, enjoy & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 ☎

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Deaf-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 443084 ☎

A MOMENT LIKE THIS
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Pete, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 429692 ☎

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Loving caring lady, 45, blonde hair, 5ft4, average build, loves a laugh, football, going out, country trips, seeking friends and hopeful partner for loving companionship. Box 442343 ☎

MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP
Hi I'm 45, 5ft6, large build, blue eyes, non-smoker/divorced, mother of two (daughter 10/18), seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440592 ☎

SANDY SEEKS DANNY
Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 442393 ☎

FANCY A DRINK?
Divorced female, 47, 5ft4, curvy, enjoys eating out, WLTW a nice and gentle male, non smoker, 43-53, with a GSOH for a relationship. Box 442303 ☎

FIT YOUR CRITERIA?
Fun to be with, caring, understanding female, 47, 5ft7, likes tennis, swimming, good meals, GSOH, seeking likewise male for lasting happiness and romance! Box 442719 ☎

MAKE ME LAUGH
Lonely, bored, professional Turnbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love, laughter. Box 443034 ☎

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 ☎

ATTRACTION & SATISFACTION
Hard-working, independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship/more. Box 442205 ☎

MAYBE I'M AMAZED
Young-looking/attractive curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights out. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746781 ☎

LIFE IS LAUGHTER
Professional 41yr old female, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, single mum, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughter and happiness. Box 420077 ☎

ON A PLATE
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", blonde, size 12, young looking, enjoy most things, looking for that special person to share my life. Box 895928 ☎

TOGETHER, FOREVER?
Caring person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783 ☎

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER
Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952 ☎

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PET ME
Sincere caring female, 50, 5ft2, likes gardening, animals, the outdoors, socialising, seeking similar non-smoker with GSOH for potential friendship/relationship. Box 441981 ☎

ENTERTAIN ME
49yr female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular visiting, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854 ☎

CARING & PROFESSIONAL
Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55, Hastings. Box 417100 ☎

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTW fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life with. Box 163637 ☎

COAST AND COUNTRY
Hi, I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5ft3, dark hair, I like music, dancing, reading, coast, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-60, for LTR. Box 430302 ☎

MAKE ME SMILE
Kind-hearted woman, 55, 5ft2, short blonde hair, blue eyes, likes conversations, nights out, long walks, WLTW a similar male for fun & friendship, maybe more. Dover Box 890167 ☎

A NEW START
Divorced female, 56, new to the area, enjoys going out, walking, music and nights in, WLTW a male to share fun times with. Box 442646 ☎

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Lovely, curvaceous lady, 57yr old, enjoys visual arts and travelling, WLTW a genuine male, 50-69 for friendship and possibly romance. Box 441382 ☎

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Happy, contented, well-balanced lady, 59, 5ft4, medium build, not ugly! Love the countryside, pets, theatre, dining out, WLTW gentleman with similar lifestyle initially, for friendship. Box 441201 ☎

NEW FOUNDATIONS
Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy solvent male, 50s-62 for affection and TLC. Box 394179 ☎

COME BACK TO ME
Life-loving female, 63, 5ft4, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the beach, countryside, long walks, looking for sincere 60-62, non-smoking, for lasting happy partnership. Box 441687 ☎

SHARE LIFE
Active and young at heart female, 72, enjoys cinema, gardening, travelling and cooking, WLTW an honest, caring and intelligent male to share good company. Box 889398 ☎

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
Responsible stylish male, 40yr old, 6ft7, enjoys socialising, music and eating out, looking for a fun-loving female to start a committed relationship with. Box 442641 ☎

WORKAHOLIC SEEKS COUNTRY GIRL
Hi, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889495 ☎

MAKE IT A LOVELY DAY
Hi, I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laugh, days out and much more. Box 436696 ☎

PROFESSIONAL
Honest, easy going, professional, single male, 38, 5'10", medium build, no ties, likes sports, going out, seeks outgoing woman, for good times and bad. Box 934662 ☎

BRING BACK LOVE
Hi I'm Nick, 41, 5ft11, enjoy cinema, eating out, golf, WLTW similar brown-haired female for good times and lots of fun, perhaps love. Box 440769 ☎

JUST YOUR NORMAL KIND OF GUY
Slim build male, 43yr old, N/S, enjoys walks and music, WLTW a N/S female, 43-55, looks not important, to share life's ups and downs with. Box 442614 ☎

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND
Related female, 37yr old, 5ft6, fair hair, enjoys evenings in, cinema and pub, WLTW a female for friendship and companionship. Box 442347 ☎

NO TIME WASTERS!
Genuine frank, 6ft, slim brown hair, green eyes, romantic and sensitive, enjoys soul music, bowling, pubs and walks, WLTW a female, 33-40 for a LTR. Box 442674 ☎

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, WLTW a similar male for friendship, leading to more. Box 389867 ☎

LOVE ME, LOVE MY ANIMALS
Hello my name is Patrick, mid 40s, I'm Irish, 5ft8 and I'm a professional. I love the countryside and animals, looking for a similar lady. Box 416605 ☎

SOUND GOOD?
Hi there, I'm 47, 6ft, athletic, good-looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, theme parks! seeking slimish lady 30-45 for possible relationship. Box 439919 ☎

NEVER TOO LATE
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PASSION FLOWER
Sincere, Scorpio female, 49, intelligent, warm with a wicked SOH, considerate, honest, passionate guy looking for a similar woman. Box 892516 ☎

BEEN HURT IN THE PAST?
Hi, divorced, handsome male, 59yr old, WLTW a genuine and honest woman, 33-55, to take things slowly at first then see what happens. Box 889424 ☎

JOIN ME, COMPLETE US
Hi, I'm 50 with two grown up kids, love country pubs, walks, life, GSOH, WLTW a nice lady to get to know of any age. Box 439922 ☎

OPEN THE BOX!
Loyal, caring, varied man, 49, 5'7", slim, fairly fit, active interests, seeks nice lady for a lasting relationship. Margate. Box 184903 ☎

SEEKING MISS RIGHT
Romantic, tactile male, 48, slim, likes sports, cycling, walking, meals out, seeks affection, tactile female, for long term relationship. Box 803640 ☎

LOOK NO FURTHER
Fit, very attractive, romantic male, 49, slim, likes art, poetry theatre, WLTW slim, reasonably attractive, active, fit female, to spend some quality time together. Margate. Box 803640 ☎

LET ME COOK YOU A MEAL
Positive and upbeat chef, 47, 6ft, likes everything and anything, mainly cuddles and snogs on sofas, seeks a similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 441469 ☎

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME, BE GENTLE
Hi I'm Pete, 52, 5'7", easygoing, looking for friendship and maybe more in a woman 30-50, someone to go to and keep me company. Sussex. Box 435580 ☎

LOOK NO FURTHER
Alan, 53yr old widower, medium build, own home, would like to meet sincere, genuine woman, interested in gardening, motorbikes, social drinking. Box 903317 ☎

PERFECT PARTNER
Romantic, tactile male, 54, 5'11", brown hair/eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, nights in/out, looking for someone special for love. Aylesford Box 410217 ☎

WELL TRAVELLED
56yr old male, GSOH, shy at first but very confident, average build, love classical music and opera, book worm, like current affairs, seeking similar lady. Box 889671 ☎

TO KEEP ME COMPANY
Young looking well-built builder, 56, 5ft10, WLTW similar/younger woman to enjoy holidays abroad, sunshine, golfing, and companionship... must be friendly. Box 442801 ☎

LET'S GET IT ON
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Lonely caring male, 56, enjoys many interests: drinks, socialising, wine, good food, looking for a suitable female with GSOH for lasting relationship. Box 442804 ☎

GOOD TIMES AHEAD
Easy-going male, 60yr old, recently divorced, enjoys pubs, cooking and cinema, looking for a horse loving female to share good times with. Canterbury Box 442385 ☎

COME ON OVER
60yrs young, handsome male, 6ft1, 5'9", quite fit, N/S, GSOH, own home/care, enjoys dancing, country pubs, holidays, meals out, WLTW lady for friendship. Box 163228 ☎

BE MINE
62yr shy, young-at-heart male is seeking for female to show him love still exists, and dreams can still come true. Turnbridge Box 442337 ☎

QUICK-STEPS TO LOVE
Hello I'm 66, 5ft9, affectionate, fit, love dancing (no expert though!), theatre, art, music, seeking a caring lady with GSOH, perhaps to dance with? Box 440237 ☎

YOUNG AT HEART...
Very lovely young man, 67, enjoys good conversation, meals, travel, many hobbies, seeking a caring female 21-67 for company and maybe more later. Box 442757 ☎

SAME AGAIN
Easygoing male, 60s, 5'9", quite fit, N/S, GSOH, own home, enjoys dancing, country pubs, holidays, meals out, WLTW lady for friendship. Box 430793 ☎

OVER 'N' OUT
I'm a Ramsgate man, N/S, 66, 5'9", 5ft and active, sincere, romantic, caring person, seeking compatible lady for LTR. Like dancing, driving, beach walks, arts/theatre. Box 433576 ☎

Men seeking men
LOOKING FOR FRIENDS, MAYBE A SOULMATE?
Genuine open-minded male, 36, 5ft5, brown hair/blue eyes, social drinks, films, looking for mates to socialise with and hopefully someone special. Box 442528 ☎

HEAR YOU CALLING
38yr old good looking, tanned male, 6'2", like staying in, meals out, WLTW a happy person for good times and maybe more. Box 427664 ☎

TALL ORDER
40yr old chap, 5ft8, dark, slim/muscular build, good looking. Looking for a tall guy for fun. Box 439132 ☎

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PILLION DOLLAR BABE!

Slender lady, 31, shoulder-length dark hair, hazel eyes, loves having fun and meeting new people. Mark, the pub owner, please call and leave contact details! Box 435131 ☎

A LOVE SUPREME

Tall, black, pretty female, 31, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778

WE COULD MAKE IT HAPPEN

Relaxed redhead, 32yr old, 5ft4, enjoys theatre, meals and cosy nights in, WLTW a male, 30-42, for a happy relationship. Box 442617 ☎

CANTERBURY TALE

Single mum of 2, 32, WLTW someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 440670 ☎

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Turnbridge Wells. Box 309374 ☎

CHAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Lovely single mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun, chat, WLTW similar male for fun, laughter, maybe LTR. Box 372889 ☎

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

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PROPERTY NEWS

Web index tracks decline in prices

ASKING prices in the property market continued to fall in July, according to the latest Rightmove house price index.

July has seen a 1.8 per cent fall in prices – the largest drop ever recorded in the month and it follows a 1.2 per cent slip in June.

Subsequently, annual asking price inflation has slipped into the red, down two per cent over the year up to July – the first time Rightmove has recorded an annual fall.

The survey discovered the average asking price for a property is £235,219 – a decrease of £4,345 in the past month.

However, this remains well ahead of the average sale prices of £194,912, according to official figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The discrepancy could be caused by a realisation among sellers they have to lower asking prices in order to secure a sale according to analysts.

“Sellers are finally recognising that they need to undercut their rivals from the outset, rather than testing the market and dropping prices later,” said Miles Shipside, of Rightmove.

Tenants feel the chill of rising energy bills

TURNOVER of tenants in rented accommodation where energy efficiency is poor could be on the increase according to a survey by the National Landlords Association.

The group said that while eco-friendliness of homes may not be the most important factor for people when they move it will become increasing vital.

Senior policy officer at the organisation, Elizabeth Brogan, said the major things which people look at when they search for a home remain its location and the initial cost outlay.

But she said: “There are other factors that are more important and I don’t think they (the buyers) are going to be looking at energy efficiency first thing.”

But she added if tenants are feeling “cold and miserable” they are likely to move on more quickly than they would otherwise.

But she also said that heating bills for tenants are likely to be reduced in the future due to the introduction of the Landlord’s Energy Saving Allowance.



CLOCKHOUSE MEWS: The development of luxury two-bedroom cottages is on the Swaylands estate, Penshurst, and purchasers have access to 50 acres of private parkland

Rent now, buy later

Estate scheme offers younger buyers a way into the market

■ BY NICK AMES

ANYONE who wants to buy a country cottage retreat in the heart of the Garden of England but can’t afford the mortgage deposit might be interested in Oakdene Homes’ Purchaser Prospect plan.

This is on offer at Clockhouse Mews, a development in the Swaylands estate in Penshurst.

The offer provides would-be homeowners with the chance to move into a property either through a rent now, buy-later scheme, or a one-year all paid mortgage deal.

With more banks demanding larger deposits and the option of 100 per cent mortgages declining, there has been a decline in the

number of young professionals purchasing property.

The average age of individuals being able to afford their first apartment has risen to 34 and the proportion of young professionals aged 25 and under getting on the property ladder for the first time is at just 16 per cent.

However, Oakdene Homes says its initiative will make it easier for younger individuals to own a new property and benefit from its equity, thus laying the foundation for a secure financial future.

Ann Fulker, sales and marketing director, said: “Clockhouse Mews has appealed to families and professionals commuting to London but desiring the benefits of traditional country living in a historical property.

“With all the current restrictions on mortgages our Purchaser Prospect scheme is proving popular with commuting professionals

seeking city life by day and the haven of a luxury country estate after they leave the office.

“It gives them a unique opportunity to make a move on to the property ladder and benefit from a stately home address at a fraction of the cost normally associated with estate living.”

Clockhouse Mews comprises six two-bedroom cottages around a cobbled courtyard.

All have a large entrance hall, kitchen, cloakroom, open-plan living area, bathroom and two double bedrooms with wardrobes, alarm system and private parking.

Some of the properties also have an en suite and private garden area.

Additionally, residents at the mews can take advantage of the estate’s 50-acres of landscaped parkland and amenities, which includes the use of two lakes, a tennis court and a gym.

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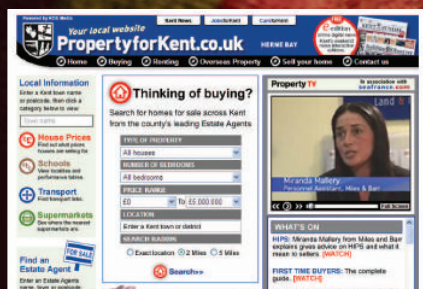
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MOTORS NEWS



Weekend event shows Dodge's all-new cars

CHRYSLER Dodge Jeep dealers across Kent will use this weekend to launch two all-new cars, the Dodge Journey and Jeep Cherokee 4x4. While the latter is a familiar model name, the former is a new budget entry into the seven-seat MPV sector.

Canterbury's Dutton Forshaw dealership is going to town on the pair with a Ride and Drive event on Saturday and the site's dealer principal Lynne Kennard said: "The Journey takes the practicality of a minivan and the overall efficiency of a passenger car and blends the best attributes into an all-new crossover vehicle."



Alfa's star newcomer is a red-blooded Romeo

THIS weekend also brings the curtain down on the British International Motor Show at Excel, London, where 'eco-green' was tipped as the predominant colour.

Italy's Alfa Romeo had other ideas; it went for red instead and enough glamorous hostesses to recall bygone days before recognition of global warming, when girls, bhp and petrol fumes were what shows were all about.

Nevertheless, its star newcomer is the forthcoming MiTO supermini (pictured) – taking its name from the Italian fashion and car capitals of Milano and Torino.



Qashqai plus two will build on Nissan success

NISSAN is using the show to launch its enlarged +2 seats version of the Qashqai 'crossover' family model.

Despite a name pronounced 'cash-kai' that sounds even more like a violent sneeze now that 'plus-too' is added, it should build on what has been a massive success for the Japanese brand.

However, the presence of two extreme Nissan models – the all-white Denki Cube electric concept (pictured) and hugely powerful new GT-R supercar – underline the dilemma facing the whole motor industry.



STANDING OUT: Dodge's Avenger looks fantastic value in an overcrowded market sector with standard kit that includes six airbags, electronic stability, air con and a glovebox chiller

Avenger offers cut-price revenge on its key rivals

ROAD TEST DODGE AVENGER

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

But it is not a big price 'walk' – as the trade says – to the lavish SXT tested here (from £16,995). It is worth the extra for big 18-inch alloys, boot spoiler, heated front seats, leather seats, powered driver's seat and upmarket six-speaker Boston sound.

I was also impressed by MyGig – a £1,500 dashboard extra bundled with sat nav – that memorises CDs and links to iPod/MP3 players.

The Avenger is less tuned on the road; it has reasonable performance, but the chassis is saggy and copes badly with our increasingly poor road surfaces.

The VW powertrain on our 2.0CRD SXT (£18,250) test car felt as good as ever though – willing, frugal and perfect for motorway cruising. Storage, cupholders and boot are generous, with 'load through' rear folding seats on the SXT, although lifting the bootlid after a shower overruns the guttering and drowns your luggage.

Rear legroom is good too, though that rear window 'kick up' means kids may find it claustrophobic in the back.

Nevertheless, the Avenger looks fantastic value in a market sector where it is hard to stand out from the crowd.



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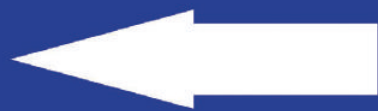
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IN 1997, Renault tried lateral thinking with the 'people carrier' concept it pioneered with the Espace and came up with the 'midi' or 'compact' MPV (multi-purpose vehicle). The result was the original Scenic, blueprint for many more vehicles than the original Espace inspired, and the impetus for waves of tall, space efficient, 'MPV styling' across the car market. Unfortunately for Renault, arch-rival Citroën came up with a bigger selling Scenic rival, the Xsara Picasso, while Fiat and Honda calculated an extra seat was what many 'midi' MPV buyers needed.

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CITROEN quickly trumped Renault's pioneering Scenic and made the Xsara Picasso into the best-seller in a new market sector. It is only a five-seater, but the 'jelly mould design' smoothes the edges of a commodious and flexibly equipped box. It rides smoothly, but the same soft springing allows wallowing into the corners. The Xsara Picasso is available with excellent Peugeot-Citroën turbodiesels, has a good reliability record and is affordable and plentiful.

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HONDA FR-V



HONDA delayed entry to and had time for a long look at this sector, before deciding that Fiat got it right with the Multipla layout. So the FR-V is another short, wide six-seater with two rows of seats. Though not as roomy as the Multipla, many buyers will like the peace-of-mind Honda engineering and slow depreciation. The middle seat in the front can also be staggered backwards to allow a child to be carried closer to mum and dad.

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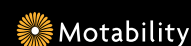
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Network Manager

Starting salary £35,370, with progression through contribution related pay to £40,705 per annum
Tunbridge Wells, across Broadwater Children's Centre and St Paul's Children's Centre

In the context of promoting the Government's Early Years Agenda, Every Child Matters and The Children's Plan, Ashford local Children's Services Partnership offers an exciting opportunity across Ashford for a range of skilled, creative and committed people to join in the development of Children's Centres and Programmes to provide a comprehensive range of services for children under 5 and their families. Children's Centres bring together a range of services for children under 5 and their families in a friendly environment. Children's Centres are being developed across Kent as part of the Government's commitment to provide the best start in life for every child, support for parents, good quality childcare and safer, stronger communities.

This post will involve managing teams of staff developing a range of projects and services, which will implement the principles and core offer to be delivered within the Children's Centre. You will need to work alongside staff from a range of backgrounds and professions and lead effective multi-agency working. Experience of working within local communities is vital, as local children and families are key partners in the development of their Children's Centre.

You will have a degree or equivalent professional qualification in health, social work, education, community work or a similar field. Experience of working with children, families and communities as well as project management is essential. Team management and good interpersonal and communication skills is also a must for this exciting role. Owing to the sensitive nature of the work, an ability to remain confidential at all times is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0321.

Closing date: Midday, 30th July 2008.

Kent Safe Schools is widely recognised as a successful countywide organisation, highly skilled in developing peer-led approaches to tackling social issues and improving outcomes for children and young people across Kent.

Kent Restorative Justice Co-ordinator

Starting salary £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 per annum
Fixed term until 31st March 2010 and is dependent on continued funding Countywide - base negotiable

We are currently seeking an individual with the skills necessary to lead on the successful implementation of the Restorative Practice schools accreditation scheme. To achieve this it will be necessary to forge excellent working relationships with headteachers and other key partners to develop effective training, guidance, resources and support for schools and the wider community.

The ability to work collaboratively to influence change within the school and wider environment is essential, as is an extensive knowledge and experience of Restorative Practices.

You will have a professional qualification in a relevant field and experience or further professional development relating to Restorative Approaches. This will include an understanding of relevant legislation, guidance, key issues and models/approaches for implementing Restorative Practices within schools and settings. Excellent communication skills and the ability to collate, analyse and interpret data, in order to improve service delivery and outcomes, is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0331

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

Kent Safe Schools Project Officer

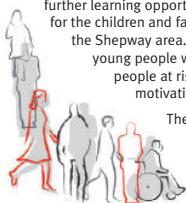
Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 pro rata
30 hours per week - initially funded for 12 months from appointment - Secondment will be considered
Shepway, Folkestone

We are seeking an experienced, dedicated person to take forward this new and exciting role within the educational environment.

The role will be based within the Causeway Team in Folkestone and will involve working with primary school aged children to establish and support Kent Safe Schools and Causeway projects in schools and the wider community. The aim of the project is to reduce exclusions, improve access to further learning opportunities and provide alternative and positive solutions for the children and families that are supported by the Causeway team within the Shepway area. You will work with agencies, schools, parents and young people with the intention of improving outcomes for young people at risk of disaffection and/or exclusion through mentoring, motivational activities and support to parents and schools.

The post will be employed by Kent Safe Schools but will have access to all relevant organisations and agencies.
Ref: CFE/08/0332

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.



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You will be full of ideas and enjoy using your initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

To succeed, you will work together with a wide range of agencies and service providers to ensure the needs of the parents and young people are met. So if you have the experience and commitment to working with young people we would love to hear from you. Ref: CFE/08/0330

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

Invicta House, Maidstone

Consumer Direct Advisors

Starting salary £15,826, with progression through contribution related pay to £16,627 per annum

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Offering consumers across the South East of England telephone-based advice on their rights and guidance on resolving consumer problems, you will be liaising with Trading Standards professionals and other agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by an ability to analyse the circumstances around the complaint and offer the appropriate course of action to the consumer in an accurate and easily understandable manner.

The busy nature of this service requires you to balance the need to provide appropriate advice whilst maintaining an awareness of call handling targets.

You'll be PC literate and combine proven competence in a customer-focused role with a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills. Although some kind of legal experience would be helpful, you will be provided with in-depth training.

Working hours are subject to a shift pattern that will include some weekend work. Ref: CMY/08/0176

Contact Centre Agents

Starting salary £13,959 (+ 5% shift allowance),
with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum

To support our continued success we are looking for people with a positive, flexible attitude and excellent communication skills to join the friendly team in our state-of-the-art Contact Centre.

Everything we do is about providing the most customer-focused, individually tailored service we can. The diversity of the calls we receive means that each call is unique and, therefore, requires a unique response.

If you'd like to start using your customer service skills in a role that challenges you and really makes a difference, we'd like to hear from you!

Dealing with calls from the public, you'll provide advice, interpret queries and re-route calls appropriately.

Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by a real service ethic and an ability to deal with a challenging variety of calls.

You'll be handling everything from registering a birth or a death to enrolling a caller on an Adult Education class or directing calls from some of the more vulnerable people living in Kent. Together with demonstrated competence in a customer-focused role and a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills, you'll also need to be PC literate.

In return for your skills, you'll benefit from a competitive starting salary, excellent development opportunities and a role that will continue to challenge you.

To find out more about Contact Kent, attend our Open Evening at Invicta House from 5pm - 7pm on Tuesday 29th July. To confirm your attendance or for further details, call Pat Croucher on 01622 221406, 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

Working hours for these roles are subject to a rotating shift pattern which will include some weekend and bank holiday work. Ref: CMY/08/0177

Closing date: Midday, 13th August 2008.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

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Reporting to the Senior Housing Officer, you will be part of our Housing Register Team and must preferably have specialist knowledge of the housing register and allocations process, including allocation legislation and case law.

The post holder will support the day-to-day operation of the Housing Register and its database; undertake a range of housing advice duties and related projects in relation to delivery of the Housing Register Service to partner agencies and applicants.

We welcome applications for flexible working arrangements.

In addition to salary, we can offer you a generous annual leave allowance, paid bank holidays, Local Government final salary pension scheme and flexi time working for most posts.

For further information contact Human Resources, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT. Telephone (01795) 417414 (24 hour voice mail) quoting Ref 325HO9.

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Following the successful award to KMN of the contracts for the "Host Organisation" to the Local Involvement Networks in Kent and Medway, KMN is pleased to announce the following new positions are available within the company.

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£24,000 per annum, pro rata

1 position located in Medway (equivalent to 28 hours per week)

3 positions located throughout Kent (full time)

Job Summary

To enable, support, guide, facilitate and develop the Local Involvement Network in its activities across a designated area.

We are looking to engage highly motivated people who have experience in engaging and working with volunteers, groups and communities including those considered to be hard to reach. Candidates must have the ability to work within a team and on own initiative with minimal support and to lead and motivate people. Excellent keyboard skills and computer literacy is essential in addition to good organisation and time management skills with an accurate and systematic approach.

Closing date for expressions of interest: Monday, 11 August 2008

For an information pack, please contact info@kmn-ltd.co.uk
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The Private Sector Housing Team provides the full range of traditional private sector services including all aspects of HHSRS, HMO licensing, empty properties etc. We are looking to recruit new team members that are self-motivated innovative and enthusiastic to help us develop a team to meet the new challenges for private sector housing.

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(Ref: CA0149D)

Grade B2. Salary £26,067 – £33,291 per annum.
(Pay award pending) 37 hours per week.

Taking the lead with one of three the teams within the private sector housing team you will be using regulation, enforcement and partnership working on a wide range of issues including HMO licensing, enforcement, HHSRS assessments to improve housing conditions for all private sector residents.

You will have considerable experience in the field of private sector housing and may be either looking for your first supervisory position, or a newly qualified Environmental Health Officer looking for your first post qualification position.

Private Sector Housing Technicians – 2 posts

(Ref: CA0150D)

Grade C2. Salary £18,907 – £25,320 per annum.
(Pay award pending) 37 hours per week.

Dealing with a wide range of service requests on an area basis, you will help members of the public to live in accommodation that meets their needs. You will have a working knowledge of housing legislation and associated enforcement, including detailed knowledge and certified competency in carrying out HHSRS assessments.

For all of the above posts you will need excellent communication skills and have the ability to be an effective team member whilst still having the autonomy to work using your own initiative. All of the roles are varied and interesting and the successful applicants will have the opportunity to assist in developing and improving the service. Medway is committed to the development of its officers and we offer a supportive environment for you to build on your existing skills and realise your full potential.

In addition to the usual range of benefits that one would expect working in local government, Medway Council are also offering a golden hello incentive of £3,000 if you are new to Medway Council.

For an informal discussion about any of these roles, please contact Susan Pledger on 01634 333009 or email: susan.pledger@medway.gov.uk

Closing date for all these posts is 22 August 2008.

All posts will be open to part-time and job share applicants unless designated as an exception.

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You will have the opportunity to work with an exciting team to explore new ideas for the use of technology to deliver services, plus working with other partners and agencies delivering joint solutions.

Please quote job reference: 1195

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms: 12 noon on Friday 8 August 2008
Interviews will take place on: Wednesday 20 August 2008

We prefer applications on-line. For further details of this position and all our latest opportunities and to apply on-line, visit our website at www.canterbury.gov.uk/jobs or e-mail jobs@canterbury.gov.uk If you are unable to access the internet, telephone 01227 862 072 (24 hour answerphone).

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Learning Support Construction and Key Skills 08/92
18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks Term time, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

The closing date for the above post is Monday 11 August 2008 at 12 noon.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Generous Holiday Allowance
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Lecturer in Key Skills – Hairdressing Post Ref: 01/109
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Key Skills – Catering & Hospitality Post Ref: 06/149
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Basic Skills for Construction Students Post Ref: 08/68
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Animal Care and Land Based Studies Post Ref: S/AL

Horticulture Post Ref: S/AH

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Examinations Co-ordinator Post Ref: ECO
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum

Finance Assistant Expenditure Post Ref: FA2
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Signer/Learning Facilitator Post Ref: 08/104
37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum. Temporary post to cover maternity leave until January 2009.

Teaching, Conference, Meeting Unit Assistant Post Ref: 04/172
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Catering Assistants Post Ref: 08/105
2 posts x 37 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time. Salary £11,801 pro rata per annum

Catering Assistant Post Ref: 08/106
30 hrs per week, salary £11,801 per annum

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The closing date for the above posts is Monday 4th August 2008 at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:

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Children's Centre Qualified Teacher

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The Meadows Children Centre, Maidstone

In the context of the Government's agenda of rolling out children's centres to cover the country, Kent County Council is seeking to appoint one full-time qualified early years teacher to work in support of The Meadows Children Centre, Maidstone. This exciting opportunity will involve working alongside early education and childcare providers in all sectors to promote and support the highest quality care and learning opportunities for children from birth to five.

You will be an outstanding and experienced practitioner, possessing excellent interpersonal and communication skills as these will be crucial to achievement in this significantly multi-agency, cross sector environment. **Ref: CFE/08/0334.**

Closing date: Midday, 8th August 2008.

Emergency Planning Officer

£20,061 - £29,920 Salary dependent on experience and progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies

Invicta House, Maidstone

Do you have good communication skills and have the ability to motivate others? Do you have the confidence to work with senior colleagues from a wide variety of organisations and disciplines, helping to take forward plans for dealing with major emergencies in the county?

As an Emergency Planning Officer, you will work with other team members on a range of projects, helping to shape the way that we plan for, and respond to, significant challenges. This includes taking a lead on various areas of work, liaising with managers in other teams and organisations and researching new topics and hazards. You will also need to play a part in the response to major emergencies, helping to make sure that the County Council carries out its role swiftly and effectively.

The role of an Emergency Planning Officer covers a mix of planning, training and responding, and we are looking for someone who can bring their skills, experience or knowledge in any of these to the team, and who is looking for a role that, while largely office based, offers variety and interest.

You must be able to travel within, and sometimes beyond, the county, and be prepared to work outside normal office hours on occasion. **Ref: CMY/08/0184**

Closing date: Midday, 18th August 2008

Childcare Development Officer

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 per annum

Kroner House, Ashford

We have a vacancy for a Childcare Development Officer in the Folkestone area. The purpose of this job is to promote and support the expansion of existing early years and out of school group childcare provision and the development of new provision.

You will have an NVQ Level 3 in Early Years and/or childcare and/or play work (or equivalent) or a qualification in business and finance as well as experience of working in a group childcare setting.

You will also possess experience with funding applications, business and financial plans within an advisory and supportive capacity.

Working in a multi-agency environment, you will have good communication skills and the ability to work effectively and sensitively with the widest range of colleagues. **Ref: CFE/08/0344**

Closing date: Midday, 11th August 2008.

Education Welfare Officer

Starting salary £20,061, with progression through contribution related pay to £22,825 per annum

Kroner House, Ashford

We are currently looking for a person to join our new LCSP team. Education Welfare Officers work with schools, families and pupils to promote regular school attendance. The work is challenging and requires the ability to work independently as well as being a good team member.

You will receive in service training, regular supervision, and team support in your work with schools, pupils, their families and other agencies. The ability to travel is required as visiting schools and homes etc is essential to the work. **Ref: CFE/08/0335**

Closing date: Midday, 7th August 2008

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For an informal discussion relating to these posts please contact Sohini Patel, 01634 338343, sohini.patel@medway.gov.uk

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Location: Rochester Centre

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Location: Medway

• Sessional teacher trainers – DTLLS (L5/6)

Job ref: CA0164E

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• Personal tutors/assessors – DTLLS (L5/6)

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Personal tutors and assessors are required to carry out tutorials and observations of candidates on the programme, and marking assignments.

• Sessional teacher trainers – PTLLS (L3/4)

Job ref: CA0166E

Trainers are required for the Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers. The role includes delivery of the course as well as assessment of candidates' work.

Sessional teacher trainers

– C&G 9297 Job Ref: CA0167E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 – 3 £18.97 - £24.32 ph

Hours: vary according to the planned course

Location: Medway

Teacher trainers are required on the Certificate in Learning Support course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers with Literacy / Numeracy / ESOL teaching qualifications.

Part time sessional tutor vacancies from September:

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Part time assessor vacancies for the iTQ award from September:

Job ref: CA0181E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 3 £12.16 per hour

Hours: Vary according to the planned course

Location: Medway

Assessors for iTQ award – must have vocational IT qualification and experience and be prepared to travel within Medway.

For informal discussion or application pack please contact

Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email

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Closing date for all posts: 15 August 2008

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Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Administration and Office Skills Level 2 or 3 Post Ref: SH/AOS
Word Processing and Office Skills Post Ref: SH/WP
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Learning Support – Early Years Post Ref: SH/LSSEY
27.75 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

Supply Signer Post Ref: SH/S
Various hours available, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 4th August 2008 at 12 noon.

Senior Learning Resources Officer Post Ref: S3
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum

The closing date for the above post is Friday 8th August 2008 at 12 noon.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

Staff benefits include:

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Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care 04/94
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Learning Support Independent Living & Leisure Skills 08/82
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Lecturer – Computer Games and Interactive Media 08/54
18.5 hours per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Journalism 08/55
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The closing date for the above posts is Monday 11 August 2008 at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:

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Emergency Learning Support Assistant S2148
Ashford
37 hours per week

You will provide emergency LSA assistance with the learning experiences of identified individual students who are attending the full range of courses at the College. You will have at least two years recent experience as an LSA in FE and GCSE's (or equivalent) in English and Maths Grades C or above.

Motorcycle Technician S2149
Dover
18.5 hours per week

Working as a member of the Kent Motorcycle Technology Centre to deliver a co-ordinated, integrated learning programme, you will support staff and students in the day-to-day running of the workshops.
Closing date Friday 15th August 2008.

New Start Learning Advocate S2147
Ashford
26 hours per week

You will provide assistance with the learning experiences of students within the New Start Centre and assist students with reading, writing or verbal communication as required. GCSE's (or equivalent) in Maths and English Grades C or above are required.

New Start Lecturer T1340
Ashford
37 hours per week

You will teach units of an entry level 3 qualification to groups of students aged 14-16 who have emotional and behavioural difficulties, and prepare and deliver outdoor educational activities. The major focus of the post is to improve behaviour and basic skills to enable students to access mainstream college courses in year 11.

Lecturer in Spanish T1345
Folkestone
2 hours per week (Maternity cover until 30th September 2009)

Lecturer in Hairdressing T1348
Ashford
37 hours per week (Maternity cover until 31st October 2009)

You will deliver City & Guilds NVQ Hairdressing Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+ and deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon-based teaching sessions. Five years recent industrial experience is essential and an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Hairdressing.

Lecturer in Beauty Therapy T1347
Ashford
18.5 hours per week (Maternity cover until 31st July 2009)

You will deliver City & Guilds NVQ Beauty Therapy Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+ and deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon-based teaching sessions. Five years recent industrial experience is essential, and an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Beauty Therapy.

Variable Lecturers T1339
Ashford/Dover/Folkestone

We are currently looking for Variable Lecturers in the following areas to join a bank of staff: Wood Occupations, Catering, Sports, New Start and Early Years. Both hourly paid and salaried roles are also available in Bricklaying and Plastering.
Closing date Tuesday 19th August 2008.

The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm, Tuesday 12th August 2008 unless otherwise stated.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit: www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Insurance risks could drive your firm crazy

WEST Wickham insurance broker Smart and Cook is warning Kent companies they could be at risk from various legal issues if their employees use their own vehicles to carry out business tasks.

It says companies could be setting themselves up for heavy claims, litigation and, in some cases, even prosecution if they have no or inadequate insurance.

The increasingly heavy tax burden on company cars has all but killed them off.

This means that, increasingly, even cars with high business miles are owned by staff, while firms often ask employees to use their own vehicles to make deliveries, visit clients or go to the bank.

Trade with confidence on KCC-backed website

DURING the summer there will be plenty of residents wanting to have work carried out in their homes or gardens, but are wary about finding a trustworthy business.

With the activity of rogue traders hotting up during the good weather, Kent County Council's trading standards officers are encouraging people to log on to the Buy with Confidence website, www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk, to find details of approved traders.

The site is free to use and features only local businesses that have passed the assessments carried out by Kent Trading Standards.

Music while you work could prove expensive

TENS of thousands of Kent businesses are getting letters from the Performing Rights Society to make them aware of the consequences of, and possible legal action that could result from, breaking UK copyright law by playing music in the workplace without a PRS licence.

The law ensures the UK's songwriters and composers PRS represents, receive royalties for the use of their work. Keith Gilbert, managing director, said: "PRS is a vital source of income to the creators of music, 90 per cent of whom earn less than £5,000 a year in royalties."

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Expert advice on the credit crunch. See the business channel

Pressure piles on to leave us all too tired

Three-quarters of us are not getting enough sleep, claims survey

■ BY TONY PATEY

SLEEPING has figured in songs from Donovan to Seether but money worries and the credit squeeze becoming tighter are striking different notes as a wave of shut-eye deprivation sweeps across the UK workforce.

Twenty two million workers – that's three-quarters of the workforce – admitted getting less than the prescribed eight hours of sleep each night of the working week, says a recent report.

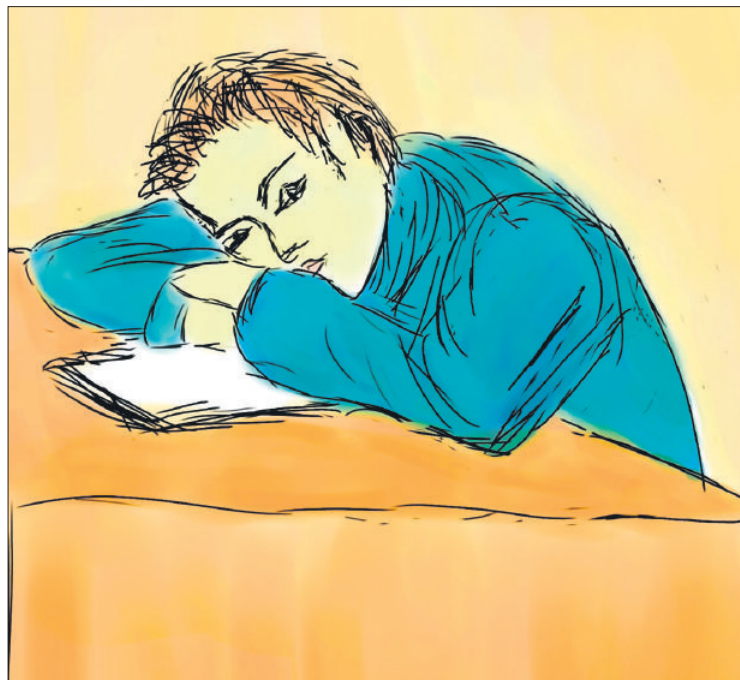
Topping the list for insomnia are estate agents, who are apparently getting only five hours and 50 minutes sleep a night – more than two hours less than the daily recommended sleep quota.

The Travelodge company, which has hotels in Canterbury, Ashford and Margate, said the study revealed that two professions facing rocketing fuel prices – lorry and taxi drivers – were the next two groups missing most 'shut eye', sharing an average of just six hours and 16 minutes a night.

Then came another economy-hit profession, bankers, who manage just six hours and 23 minutes of sleep. Builders and accountants came next with both getting six hours and 24 minutes.

Leigh McCarron, Travelodge's director of sleep, said: "It is no surprise that the professions in the industries worst hit by the credit crunch come top of the charts. We all know that money worries and job security are key drivers of stress which in turn, leads to significant sleep loss."

The budget hotel chain's study also revealed the key reasons why 40 per cent of workers regularly experience difficulty getting to sleep: work pressures and money worries, leaving work late, having an alcoholic drink at bed-



WIDE AWAKE: Not sleeping because of financial worry is affecting more and more people – especially estate agents

time and going home to start work again were all causes.

Mr McCarron said: "Don't let the credit crunch keep you awake, it's a vicious circle. Although you may fret about your job and have financial worries; you cannot afford to sacrifice your sleep quota."

"Losing valuable hours of sleep will certainly

ly impact upon your well-being and productivity."

In case you're wondering – director of sleep? Yes, that's his title. The firm takes its job of giving clients a good night's sleep very, very seriously, and Mr McCarron has a wide brief from helping design rooms to trying out beds. Let's hope he doesn't sleep on the job.

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Macknade's bowlers fail to do the trick

MACKNADE suffered a six-wicket defeat against Addington Village at the weekend.

Phil Rowcroft hit 67 and Scott Davenport 58 for Macknade as they were bowled out for 190 after 49 overs.

Lance Roudenko (66 not out) and Neil Scott (75) put together a good partnership for Addington as they lost just four wickets on the way to recording a win inside 44 overs.

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Paralympic legend Tanni Grey-Thompson praises Kent's grass roots investment

Rodrigo bowls Rodmersham to narrow win

SANDEEP Rodrigo bowled Rodmersham to victory on Saturday after a fine display of seam bowling.

Rodrigo claimed figures of 5-13 to help bowl Bexleyheath out for a disappointing 98 inside 46 overs at Bottles Lane.

Dylan Emmett and Marc Bond each claimed two wickets for the home side as only Phil Wiseman with 24, showed any sign of resistance for the visitors.

It could have been worse for Bexleyheath had Rodmersham not gifted them 20 extras. In reply, the home side's batsmen also found the wicket a trifle difficult to deal with and just about scraped home by three wickets.

It had started so well with Liam Foster

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

and Neil Hodgkinson putting on 44 for the first wicket, but Jack Woods put a spanner in the works with four wickets as Rodmersham slumped to 88-7.

However, Marc Bond, fresh from a century last weekend, showed a mature approach to batting and occupied the crease while other batters came and went. He scored 35 not out to help see his side over the line.

Rodmersham are now third in Division Four. They will look to narrow the gap on the top two when they travel to Old Brocksleians on Saturday.



VICTOR: Sandeep Rodrigo claims one of his five wickets on Saturday

Kent Cricket League Division Four

Rodmersham 1st XI v Bexleyheath 1st XI

Bexleyheath

	Runs
Phil Wiseman lbw b Bayford	24
Russell Allen b Rodrigo	5
Nick Welte b Rodrigo	10
Ravi Patel b Rodrigo	0
Tom Castleton ct Azhar b Emmett	0
Grantleigh Burnham b Bond	7
Pat Heath ct Foster b Rodrigo	0
David Meeking ct Foster b Rodrigo	8
Phillip Bone ct Bond b Rodrigo	0
Richard Howes not out	13
Jack Woods ct Rodrigo b Emmett	21
Extras (6b 3lb 7w 4nb)	20
Total (all out, 45.2 overs)	98

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	10	2	13	5
Darren Nokes	4	0	15	0
Dylan Emmett	9.2	3	21	2
Nazoomi Azhar	12	5	17	0
Marc Bond	6	3	12	2
Jack Bayford	4	1	11	1

Rodmersham

	Runs
Liam Foster b Woods	25
Neil Hodgkinson c & b Burnham	21
Marc Bond not out	35
Lee Jackson lbw b Woods	0
Sandeep Rodrigo b Woods	5
Dylan Emmett lbw b Bone	5
Nazoomi Azhar ct Heath b Woods	0
Matthew Jewiss b Bone	0
Darren Nokes not out	5
Jack Bayford did not bat	0
Tom Martin did not bat	0
Extras (2w 4nb)	6
Total (7 wickets, 19.2 overs)	102

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
David Meeking	4	0	24	0
Grantleigh Burnham	6	0	39	1
Jack Woods	6	1	33	4
Phillip Bone	3.2	2	6	2

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Beckenham 1st XI v
Gore Court 1st XI

THE Premier Division title looks as though it is slipping away from Gore Court after they lost by four wickets to league-leaders Beckenham.

The Sittingbourne side batted first but could never get to terms with what is usually a batting paradise at Beckenham. Only Neville Talbot with 70 from 57 balls showed any great application. Alex Blake was chief destroyer with 4-46.

Court's off-spinner Alex Edwards bowled with good heart in claiming four wickets for his side, but the target was too low to defend as Beckenham cruised home with almost ten overs to spare.

Gore Court

	Runs
Martin McCague	ct Evans b Blake 6
Chris Piesley	ct Howick b Lee 6
Richard Cooper	b Lee 0
Kevin Jones	lbw b Blake 16
Neville Talbot	ct Owen-Browne b Bedbrook 70
Christian Marsh	ct Spencer b Blake 14
Alex Hart	b Blake 0
Philip Edwards	ct Spencer b Owen-Browne 25
Adeel Hussain	ct Bedbrook b McDonald 6
Alex Edwards	ct Isles b McDonald 0
Paul Thorburn	not out 0

Extras (1b 7lb 5w 1nb) 14
Total (all out, 37.2 overs) 157

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alex Blake	11	2	46	4
Alistair Lee	7	1	37	2
Brendan McDonald	11.2	1	38	2
Richard Bedbrook	7	2	28	1
Alistair Owen-Browne	1	1	0	1

Beckenham

James Evans	c & b Thorburn	Runs	23
Chris Isles	ct Thorburn b Hussain		9
Leigh Walker	ct McCague b A Edwards		45
Alex Blake	lbw b A Edwards		3
Ollie Waite	not out		36
Richard Bedbrook	lbw b A Edwards		1
Brendan McDonald	ct Marsh b A Edwards		0
Oliver Howick	not out		33
Duncan Spencer	did not bat		
Alistair Owen-Browne	did not bat		
Alistair Lee	did not bat		

Extras (1b 2lb 1w 6nb) 10
Total (6 wickets, 40.4 overs) 160

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Adeel Hussain	7	0	35	1
Philip Edwards	3	0	7	0
Chris Piesley	3	0	19	0
Paul Thorburn	13.4	1	57	1
Alex Edwards	12	1	32	4
Alex Hart	1	0	7	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Minster 1st XI v
Catford Wanderers

MINSTER'S lower order dug in to earn a draw against high-flying Catford at the weekend.

The visitors batted first with Nanda Pelpola (84) and Daniel Drummond (58) putting the Minster attack to the sword as Catford scored a respectable 256 all out. Nathan Nichol and James White both claimed 3-75 from their 15 over stints.

Australian Henry Cooper top-scored for the Sheppey side with 49 while Nichol weighed in with a useful 45. However, wickets continued to fall and in the end Minster limped to 174-8 with Mike Rees and Nick Walshaw unbeaten.

Catford Wanderers

		Runs
Selwin Kulararathnam	ct Tucker b White	8
Nanda Pelpola	b Nichol	84
Larry Surajit	lbw b White	11
Daniel Drummond	b White	58
Elmer Browne	run out	11
Andrew Ifill	ct N Hosken b Hammond	34
Bradley Rose	b Hammond	0
David Marshall	b Nichol	7
Remi Chea	lbw b Nichol	0
Desmore Stanford	not out	13
Jason Walker	run out	0

Extras (4b 9lb 9w 1nb) 23
Total (all out, 50 overs) 256

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Nathan Nichol	15	1	75	3
James White	15	0	75	3
Henry Cooper	4	1	21	0
Mike Rees	8	2	35	0
Martin Hammond	8	1	34	2

Minster

	Runs
Henry Cooper	st Kulararathnam b Pelpola 49
Mark Tucker	ct Marshall b Ifill 13
Neil Hosken	ct Pelpola b Surajit 1
Andy Hosken	b Drummond 20
Nathan Nichol	b Pelpola 45
James White	ct Kulararathnam b Walker 1
Chris Collins	ct Stanford b Surajit 7
Craig O'Donoghue	ct Ifill b Walker 20
Mike Rees	not out 5
Nick Walshaw	not out 0
Martin Hammond	did not bat

Extras (3b 4lb 4w 1nb) 12
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs) 174

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andrew Ifill	7	2	27	1
Larry Surajit	14	3	34	2
David Marshall	3	0	8	0
Nanda Pelpola	13	1	45	2
Jason Walker	9	0	37	2
Daniel Drummond	4	0	15	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Upchurch CC 1st XI v
HSBC CC 1st XI

UPCHURCH'S grip on Division Three was loosened on Saturday as they lost to rivals HSBC by 140 runs.

The defeat for the former runaway leaders has seen them slip from the top spot into second place.

HSBC opener Jack Harris set the tone with 62 from 52 balls as the visitors racked up 250 after winning the toss.

In reply, Upchurch got off to a terrible start as they were reduced to 33-5. Still more than 200 runs behind, they never recovered and slumped to a comprehensive defeat in the 47th over.

Michael Hales top scored for the home side and only two other batsmen registered double figures.

HSBC

	Runs
Michael Roberts	ct Collis b Hodder 71
Jack Harris	ct Sutton b Hales jnr 62
Richard Colbourn	lbw b Hodder 4
Alan Slater	ct Taylor b Sutton 36
Neepesh Thacker	ct Taylor b Sutton 0
Richard Slater	run out 5
Stuart Bate	b Collis 37
Sam Pope	st Little b Collis 8
Mark Bowles	lbw b Hodder 10
Matthew Ahsom	b Collis 2
Nicholas Wheddon	not out 1

Extras (4b 1lb 4w 5nb) 14
Total (all out, 50 overs) 250

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	6	1	30	0
Andy Holmwood	3	0	23	0
Adam Hodder	13	0	71	3
Michael Hales jnr	15	3	45	1
John Sutton	9	1	40	2
Kevin Collis	4	0	36	3

Upchurch

	Runs
Dean Headley	ct Bowles b Bate 10
Jim Phillips	run out 0
Lee Taylor	ct Bowles b Pope 4
Michael Hales jnr	c & b Pope 14
Daniel Parker	ct Colbourn b Slater 0
Michael Hales	not out 38
Adam Hodder	ct Bowles b Slater 8
Warren Little	ct Pope b Ahsom 12
John Sutton	ct Bowles b Slater 0
Kevin Collis	b Slater 6
Andy Holmwood	ct Bowles b Slater 5

Extras (1lb 12w) 13
Total (all out, 46.2 overs) 110

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Stuart Bate	7	0	20	1
Sam Pope	12	4	31	2
Alan Slater	12.2	4	31	5
Richard Colbourn	7	5	9	0
Matthew Ahsom	4	1	13	1
Nicholas Wheddon	4	2	5	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Farningham 1st XI v
Bapchild 1st XI

A SUPERB innings of 126 from Ben Fulton helped Bapchild earn an unlikely win at Farningham.

After the hosts set 217 to win, Bapchild lost openers Matt Roche and Lee Taylor with just two runs on the board. However, Fulton steadied the ship and took the attack to the Farningham bowlers in an entertaining partnership with Alan Hampton.

After the home side claimed the wickets of Hampton and Adam Larking, captain John Heatley played a controlled innings to finish unbeaten on 44 to help guide his side home by six wickets.

FARNINGHAM

	Runs
Simon Parkinson	ct Heatley b Roche 59
Darren Blake	run out 13
James Wiles	ct Lewis b Larking 0
Mark Allison	ct Archbold b Roche 14
Hadleigh Wiles	ct Hampton b Roche 18
Neal Pittman	ct Marsh b Hampton 39
Simon Price	not out 51
Lorne Burns	ct Larking b Hampton 0
Colin Fensom	not out 4
Kieran Roche	did not bat
Graham Cuthbertson	did not bat

Extras (4b 6lb 7w 1nb) 18
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs) 216

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Matt Lewis	10	1	52	0
Adam Larking	15	0	49	1
Matthew Roche	15	4	33	3
Ian Marsh	3	0	28	0
Alan Hampton	7	0	44	2

Bapchild

		Runs
Matthew Roche	lbw b Price	1
Lee Taylor	ct Parkinson b Price	1
Ben Fulton	not out	126
Alan Hampton	lbw b Roche	25
Adam Larking	lbw b Roche	3
John Heatley	not out	44
Ian Marsh	did not bat.	
Matt Lewis	did not bat.	
Andrew Trigwell	did not bat.	
Max Gilbert	did not bat.	
Cameron Archbold	did not bat.	

Extras (9b 5lb 3w 2nb) 19
Total (4 wickets, 49 overs) 219

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Wiles	7	1	21	0
Simon Price	10	2	51	2
Kieran Roche	14	4	34	2
Lorne Burns	6	0	36	0
Graham Cuthbertson	4	0	8	0
Simon Parkinson	8	0	55	0

Brickies win nets them fourth Bob Amor cup

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

SITTINGBOURNE made it four consecutive Bob Amor Trophy wins after a narrow 2-1 win against rivals Faversham Town at the weekend.

The Lilywhites took an eighth minute lead through new signing Dave Soutan.

A long throw from Chris Eather was met by Roy Guiver who flicked the ball on to the far post where, after a brief scramble, Soutan headed beyond Brickies stopper Charlie Donaghue.

With the visitors dominating the first period, Guiver had a header cleared off the line.

Sittingbourne fought back in the last ten minutes and Town keeper Kevin Readings made several fine saves to ensure the Lilywhites retained the advantage.

Brickies boss Gary Abbott introduced striker Elli Kayembe after the break and he injected both pace and urgency into the home side's performance.

After an hour, young Portuguese born winger Andre Silva beat the Faversham defence and crossed for Kayembe who was in the right place to tap home.

Sittingbourne continued to have the lion's share of possession and it was no surprise



WIN: Town keeper Kevin Readings clears the danger against Sittingbourne in the Bob Amor Trophy at the weekend

when Matt Foreman scored the winner. The Brickies also went on to hit the bar and Readings made some superb saves in the Faversham goal.

Sittingbourne assistant boss Richard Brady said the club are having to be patient in bringing players in at this stage of the season.

He said: "Pre-season for us is difficult because we haven't got the money to give to players, so we have to wait for them to go to

the Ramsgates, Margates the Ashfords and then we pick up what's left. We work with them and build them into our side."

Brady also confirmed that he has been in contact with Kieran Marsh, who has returned from travelling, and hopes he will re-sign for the club.

Sittingbourne travel to Thamesmead Town tomorrow night, while Faversham are home to Chatham Town.

FOOTBALL

Comfortable win for happy Norton

NORTON shaped up for their first ever season in the Kent League with a comfortable 5-2 win over a Whitstable Town XI.

Norton took the lead in the second minute when Michael Green deceived the Town goalkeeper with an effort that floated into the top corner. A minute later the lead was doubled when Danny Slatter volleyed home. The game was effectively over after ten minutes when defender James Brincat and Slatter both hit the net.

Norton's scoring was complete at the end of the first half when Andy Sharman's direct free-kick eluded the Town keeper to make it 5-0.

Town pulled two goals back in the second half, but Norton will be happy with their display as they prepare for their opening Kent League fixture against Faversham at Salters Lane on August 9.

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So close yet so far for Spitfires

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT Spitfires lost their grip on the Twenty20 Cup in a thrilling final at the Rose Bowl.

Rob Key's side lost by three runs as they attempted to overhaul Middlesex Crusaders' total of 187 for six, a record total in a Twenty20 final.

Set such a substantial target, Kent got off to a flier as Joe Denly and Key set about the Middlesex bowling attack, going at more than ten an over for the first five.

The two Kent openers showed that while Twenty20 is about scoring boundaries and getting quick runs, it doesn't have to be about slogs, sweeps and paddles as they each played a succession of elegant cover drives, cuts and pulls to pull their side back into the game.

Key was in terrific form, reaching his half-century off just 30 balls, but it was the introduction of spinners Murali Kartik and veteran Shaun Udal that helped turn the game and they accounted for both Denly and Key.

South African Justin Kemp, struggling for runs for the county this summer, was promoted to number three, where he played the type of innings for which he is renowned.

Kemp smashed three sixes in an entertaining stand of 72 with Darren Stevens as the Spitfires closed in on their target, leaving them requiring 16 from the final over.

The target was then reduced to six off three



WAIT AND SEE: Rob Key is sceptical about Kent's chances of playing in the inaugural Champions League later this year

balls. Kemp could manage only two off the first two, meaning the Spitfires had to score three to tie, which would have secured the title courtesy of having lost fewer wickets than Middlesex.

However, Kemp was unable to get the ball away and was run out, handing victory to the Crusaders and, with it, a place in the Stanford

Super Series and a chance to pocket a huge £200,000.

While Key was disappointed not to get his hands on the trophy again, he was pleased with his side's effort at Twenty20 finals day.

He said: "The one thing we haven't done is hide. Generally we have fielded well and it is times like that in big games when you find out

the characters of players and I thought everyone stood up, so it was good.

"That final was a great advert for Twenty20. It was a fantastic effort to have got that close.

"It was pretty frustrating getting out for 50-odd as the stage was set for me to play a serious Twenty20 innings and get us a great victory.

"I always say it is not about the blokes who get out to a good ball for less than 10 – it is those who get in who will win or lose you the game. I was one of those who got in and got out."

The day had started well for Spitfires as they cruised to what turned out to be a comfortable 14-run win over the Essex Eagles in the first semi-final of the day.

The Spitfires, together with the Crusaders, will now be entered in the inaugural £2.4 million Champions League against teams from South Africa, Australia and India.

Kent's involvement in the competition, although assured by the England and Wales Cricket Board, is yet to be 100 per cent confirmed by organisers of India's cricket board because of their inclusion of 'rebel' Indian Cricket League stars Justin Kemp and Azhar Mahmood.

Key is sceptical about his side's involvement and is refusing to think about playing in the competition in India until it is confirmed.

He said: "It is a bonus if it happens, but there has been a bit of confusion about it all the way along. We will only know how good it is if an English team walks away with the money and starts turning up for games in much better cars."

"There are so many unanswered questions that I think it is probably a pipe-dream that is not worth us getting carried away about."

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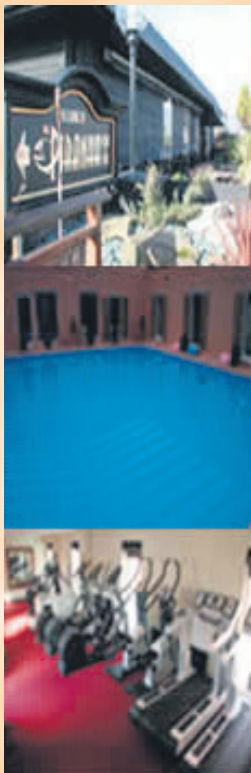
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